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SESSION MEETING, JUNE 17, 1974

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Flagg, Miss Werner, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gall, Polanski, Campbell, Runals, Bellemore, Robertson, Patch and Bob White

EXCUSED: Messers: McIntyre, Wilson, Guenther

ABSENT: Messers: Spillenaar, McRae, Petts

Reverend Stevenson opened the June 17, 1974, Session Meeting with prayer.

Mr. Gall, seconded by Mrs. Dashineau that the May 20, 1974 minutes be approved. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was approved upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Gall.

Mr. Campbell moved that the General Legacy unrestituted funds be withdrawn from the United Presbyterian Foundation for use in the building fund. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Mr. Dooley and Mr. Daggett from the Board of Trustees presented the following progress report on work authorized 4/15/74.

1. The installation of storm windows contracted for has been completed.
2. The rebuilding of the bell enclosure in the tower is nearing completion.
3. The insulation of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall ceilings has been contracted for--will most likely done this week.
4. The Item #5 in my previous report which called for cleaning and painting the fire escape from the Choir woom and the buff colored stucco has been changed because W&K will do the iron work and the stucco painting will be including in the pointing
5. Item #6 in the previous report will be delayed to get the pointing done first.
6. The installation of pidgeon control which was Item #9 in the previous report will also be included in the pointing work.
7. Nothing has been done yet to access the actual cost of repairing cracked pews because our attention has been focused on the more pressing repair work first.
8. To date, we have contracted for work totaling \$13,800.

There is urgent need to point-up the exterior stonework and sweep sand blast it. Part of the masonry is 125 years old so needs replacement. The complete repair job by the Kelley Company, the best in the line of work in this area, is \$29,000.

Mr. Runals moved that the Session endorse the need as presented by the Trustees for money to do this work, and ask the Trustees to proceed to arrange financing. Seconded by Mr. Campbell. Carried.

Wednesday, June 19 the Trustees are meeting with Mr. James Porter, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery. Mr. Runals and Mr. Campbell will attend the meeting.



It was decided to place the notice of the Hilda Harris program, July 24, at Chautauqua Institute in the Church bulletin so interested people may attend.

Upon a motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bellemore the building and park dedication was moved from June 30th to June 23rd. Coffee for the Fellowship Hour, Mr. Robertson suggested he change from June 30 to June 23rd, since Mr. Campbell has the Coffee for the Fellowship Hour. Mrs. Dashineau and Miss Mitchell will also help.

The Building Committee will be dissolved upon certification of the work by the architect, and the payment of the retention fee. This motion was made by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Carried.

Mr. Gall moved the approval of paying the replacement organist and choir director during Mr. Airds vacation - \$30.00 a week for 4 weeks. Mr. Polanski seconded the motion which was carried.

The following policy for future payment was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Polanski, seconded by Mrs. Flagg.

1. Organist only substitute @ \$20.00
  2. Choir director only substitute - \$15.00
  3. Organist - choir director - \$30.00 (substitute)
- This sum includes the rehearsals also.

The stewardship and mission committee is presenting a series of informational material in the Fall during the Minute for Mission in the church. November 17 will be Commitment Sunday.

An Inquirers Group will be ready to meet the Session in August.

About 12-14 are going to the Youth Conference in Washington, D.C., this month. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mrs. Dashineau that Mr. Campbell be authorized to care for the matter of trip insurance for the Youth. Carried.

At 9:30 Mr. Runals moved adjournment, seconded by Mrs. McNally. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1974

June 2, 248 people took communion

MARRIAGES: Ellen Louise Wiseman to Rodney Burr on June 8, 1974

Mr. Kenneth Williams died June 14, 1974

DEATHS: Mrs. Norrine Phelps died June 7, 1974 N.M.

Mr. Clarence Tyler died June 10, 1974 - 270

#### SESSION MEETING, JULY 15, 1974

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. Look, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Dashineau, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Robertson, Campbell, Gall, Bellemore, Polanski

EXCUSED: Messers: Patch, McIntyre, Wilson Petts, McRae

ABSENT: Messers: Runals, Guenther, Spillenaar



Prayer by Rev<sup>w</sup> rend Stevenson opened the July 15, 1974 Session meeting.

The Christian Education Committee had requested Mrs. Pam Dittlevson to present the proposal to hold a Christian Daycare Center using the facilities of First Church. The Session raised questions which cannot be answered at this time, but decided to explore the concept in depth. A letter of information is to be sent to the members of the congregation and their reaction is solicited. This proposal was in the form of a motion made by Mr. Polanski, seconded by Mr. Bellemore that a Session Daycare Center committee be appointed and a letter sent for the congregation for their reaction to this proposal. Carried.

The South-End Coordinating Committee's request for a loan of \$2500 for 6 months in order to purchase a small van vehicle which would be registered in the name of First Presbyterian Church with the insurance, registration upkeep, etc. paid for by the South-End Coordinating Committee was considered. Mr. Polanski moved, seconded by Miss Werner, that the proposal be rejected. Carried.

A plan to bus pupils to Sunday School was considered. Mr. Robertson moved to authorized a committee to persue the plan. Mr. Gall seconded the motion which was carried.

The Philathea Class would like to pay for the Japanese Lilac Tree in the Fleming Park as a living memorial to the memory of Mrs. Helen Lumsden. Also they would like to install a suitable marker. Mr. Campbell moved the offer of the Philathea Class be accepted with a suitable marker placed. Mr. Gall seconded the motion. Carried.

The memorial Committee is to consider the following problems upon a motion by Mrs. Dashineau, seconded by Mr. Robertson.

1. Assigning Committee responsibility for accepting gifts.
2. What to do with the memorial plaques removed during the recent renovation.
3. Policy concerning future plaques.

The Coffee Hours for September

September 1 - Mrs. Flagg

8 - Mr. Petts

15 - Mrs. Dashineau & Miss Mitchell

22 - Mr. Campbell

29 - Mr. Polanski

Mr. Gary Gall who is studying for the ministry under the Presbytery at the request of First Church is to be examined by the Presbytery, July 16 for locensing since he is planning to study another year.

The Trustees will apply for a loan of \$31,000 from the Program Agency of the UPUSA. The problem as to how to repay the loan was discussed. The consensus of opinion was that there be no formal building fund campaign, but that it be placed in the budget for 10 years.

Reverend Stevenson with representatives of other downtown churches met with the Niagara Falls City Council to request free parking Sunday morning in the new ramp garage. Probably there will be subsidized rather than free parking.

A letter from Reverend M.B. Grubbs, Acting Associate Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, was read thanking the Session for permitting Robert White to give leadership in the Camping Program sponsored by the three denominations this summer at Dunkirk.

A special Session meeting be held Sunday, August 11 at 9:15 for the purpose of receiving new members into the church.

At 10:45 Mrs. Dashineau moved adjournment, seconded by Miss Mitchell. Prayer closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1974

July 7, 1974 209 people took communion

MARRIAGES: Timothy Montagna to Nina Adkins on July 27, 1974

DEATHS: Stanley Bush died July 18, 1974

BAPTISM: Valerie Jean Piper, daughter of Jerry Piper and Terry Piper born June 11-74 baptized on July 28, 1974

#### SESSION MINUTES, AUGUST 11, 1974

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Dashineau, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gall, Wilson, Polanski, Bellemore, Campbell, Spillenaar, Petts, Bob White

EXCUSED: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Flagg; Messers: Guenther, Patch, Robertson, Runals

ABSENT: Messers: McIntyre, McRae

A special Sunday morning meeting was held at 9:15, August 11, 1974, for the purpose of receiving the following new members:

Profession of faith: Esther Daggett, Ruth Polanski, Mary Ann Polanski, John Dooley,

Reaffirmation of faith: Mrs. Nancy Tedesco, Mr. Frederick Morris Wynn, Mrs. Elaine Wynn, Mrs. Esther Tatroe

Transfer of letter: Mrs. Mary Roundtree, Mr. Raymond Roundtree

Mr. Gall moved these persons be received as members. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore Carried. They were welcomed by the Session members present.

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson opened and closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1974

August 4th, 1974 177 people took communion

DEATHS: Miss Sarah Rodgers died August 3, 1974

Mr. Edward McGhee died August 12, 1974.

BAPTISM Michele Marie Moore, daughter of Walter and Daisy Moore, born on Feb. 1-74  
baptized on August 11, 1974

MEMBERSHIP: Reaffirmation of faith: Mrs. Mary Louise Roundtree, Mr. Raymond Roundtree

Profession of faith: Esther Daggett, Ruth Polanski, Maryann Polanski

~~Reaffirmation of faith~~

Letter of Transfer: Mrs. Nancy Tedesco, Mr. Frederick Wynn, Mrs. Elaine W. Wynn, Mrs. Esther Tatroe

JOINT SESSION-TRUSTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

PRESENT: Mrs. McNally, Miss Werner, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Polanski, Bellemore, Petts, Runals, Robertson, Gall, Campbell Patch, McIntyre, White

EXCUSED: Mrs. Dashineau, Messers: Wilson, Guenther, Spillenaar

ABSENT: Mr. McRae

TRUSTEES: Messers: Look, McNally, Morre, Dooley, Daggett, Bane, Yu

PRESENT:

The Joint Session Trustees meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson, September 9, 1974.

The primary consideration was of a tentative budget for 1975. This included money for payment of interest on a loan for pointing and painting the exterior of the church.

The joint boards approve the loan application not to exceed \$35,000, to complete the exterior work on the church. Carried. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bane.

The Session received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fleming thanking the church for honoring them by naming the park after them. However, they requested changing the name of the park, and the plaque be removed and a new one cast which might read, "In honor of the Founders and all who have worked for the furthering of the Kingdom of Christ through this church."

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Morre, that the church in deference to the wishes of the Flemings remove the plaque and rename the park. The Memorial Committee will seek a suitable name. Carried.

At 8:30 the group separated for separate meetings.

Mr. Campbell again presented the matter of a pictorial church directory in color, particularly appropriate because this is the 150th Anniversary Year of the Church. Mr. Campbell moved that a directory be made by the American Color Publishers which locally is represented by Mr. Englander. Seconded by Mr. Polanski. Carried. The only responsibility of the church is to set up appointments for the sittings.



Since the loan application must be accompanied by a statement of the mission of this church, one was presented by Reverend Stevenson. After much thought and work, Mr. Runals moved the statement be amended be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. McNally. Carried.

Mr. Bellemore moved the acceptance of the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee that \$750 be allotted from the 5 year Youth Fund for a 3 month experimtn in a Church Bus Evangelism Program. Seconded by Mr. Gall. Carried. This means 2 will manned busses, will pick up children in the neighborhoods north and east of the church each Sunday for a worship and Sunday school program. Miss Mitchell moved that \$127.05 be paid to Mr. Aird for partial expenses of the canoe trip sponsored by the church in July. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried. This also comes from the 5 year Youth Fund.

Upon a motion by Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. McNally, the Session approved the allotment of \$400 from the 5 year Fund towards payment of choir robes for the Ewstminster Choir.

Miss Mitchell presented the request of the ushers to have the Memorial Case moved from the Church entrance because it interfered with the ringing of the bell. Mr. Runals who cometimes rings the bell felt this action was unnecessary, so the matter was dropped.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee reported its plans for Minute for Missions to inform the congregation of the Mission and activity of the church. The Presbytery is sponsoring a leadership meeting for the Stewardship Personnel September 28 in Amherst, 9-3:00. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Polanski will attend.

There are still a few loose ends to be completed on the church building program before the final bills are paid.

The Presbytery meets at First Church, Tuesday, Sept. 24th, starting at 4:00 p.m. Messers: Gall, robertson, McIntyre; and Miss Mitchell will act as hosts.

Mr. Gall moved, seconded by Mr. McIntyre that Reverend Stevenson be granted a reading-study leave October 21-27. Carried.

The minutes for the July 15 meeting and the Special August 11 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Gall, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Gall. At 9:40 Mr. Runals moved the meeting by adjournment, seconded by Miss Werner. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell,  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1974

September 5, 1974 151 people took communion

#### DEATHS:

George Brooks died September 13, 1974

BAPTISM: Rebecca Ann Reading Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reading - born Nov. 25-73  
baptized - Sept. 25th

Michelle Lynn Sievers, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Sievers - born July 9-74  
baptized - Sept. 15th



MARRIAGES: Mr. Donald Lewis to Bessie Irene Barnes on September 28-74

SESSION MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1974

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Dashineau, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gall, McIntyre, Robertson, Patch, Wilson, Bellemore and Robert White

EXCUSED: Messers: Runals, Petts, Polanski, Spillenaar, Campbell, Guenther

ABSENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Flagg, Mr. McRae

Reverend Stevenson opened the October 21, 1974 Session meeting with prayer.

An informal discussion which included such subjects as the benefits already derived in the three weeks of bussing new students to Sunday School, Reverend Stevenson's plans for this week of study and meditation concerning the growing areas of the church and its needs. These include the bussing program which is in the evangelistic spirit of the Great Commission; the Evangelism Calling Program and the necessity to have a one to one follow-up. Many ideas were suggested in this fruitful exchange which lasted an hour.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gall, seconded by Mrs. McNally, the September 9 minutes were approved.

Since the treasurer was absent, no report was presented.

It was decided to have an article in the Church Bulletin requesting names of people interested and qualified to be on the Presbytery committees.

The Memorial Fund Committee presented these policies to the Session:

1. It is the policy of the First Presbyterian Church not to use a memorial plaque to commemorate a donation. The name of the person to be remembered by such a gift will be inscribed in the Book of Memory which is in the entry way of the church.

Mr. Robertson moved this policy be adopted, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

2. The Memorial Fund Committee shall have the power to accept or reject gifts other than monetary ones. Also a thank you for such gift will be written by the chairman of the committee.

Miss Mitchell moved the adoption of this policy, seconded by Mr. Gall. Carried

The Memorial Fund Committee recommendations were discussed.

1. To table indefinitely the renaming of the park in order to leave open the possibility of naming it Fleming Park after the Flemings have gone to their reward.

2. The Memorial plaque to Albert Bacon which the congregation has erected after Mr. Bacon's death be mounted on the South inside the Wall of the South Entry of the church.

Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

3. The Lumsden plaque be placed on the wall of the pool just back of the lilac bush placed in her memory.

Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.



Upon a motion by Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was decided that monies not to exceed \$450 be taken from the Five Year Youth Fund to pay for cork boards in the Sunday School rooms.

Before a decision will be made as to purchasing two busses for the Sunday School program, comparative figures as to cost, upkeep, etc., vs. rental of busses will be compiled.

The church library is being catalogued and a system for loaning books will be instituted.

Mr. Robertson for the Stewardship and Mission Committee announced 479 letters were sent out today concerning the 1975 budget and pledge solicitation. A seconded letter will be sent next week to those who did not respond to the first letter. A thank you letter for each pledge will be sent within two weeks of the receipt of the pledge. In April there will be an invitation to revise the pledges. November 24 there will be a dedication of the imte, talent, and treasure period in the service.

To date the City has made no decision as to when the fate of Sunday parking in the downtown garage now nearing completion, will be decided. Since this is no important to the life of the church each member was requested to talk to councilmen and others in whose hands the decision lies.

Mrs. H. Arrie Norton(Jane) has requested a transfer of membership to the United Presbyterian Church, Fort Meyers, Florida. Mr. Wilson moved the quest be granted, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried.

At 10:15 Mr. Gall moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Prayer by Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 3rd 289 people took communion.

Margaret Castles died October 19, 1974 - DEATHS:

MARRIAGES: Donald R. Corbett to Louise Clowser on October 5th, 1974

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. H. Arrie Norton (Jane) - transferred to United Presbyterian Church Fort Meyers, Florida.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - November 4, 1974

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell; Messers, Gall, Robertson, Campbell

EXCUSED: Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Dashineau, Messers: Runals, Spillenaar, Wilson, Polanski, McIntyre

ABSENT: Mrs. McNally, Mr. McRae

Reverend Stevenson opened the Special Session Meeting, November 4, 1974 with prayer.

Mr. Campbell reported informally that to date 155 pledges totalling \$43,000 have been received.

The one subject to be discussed at this meeting was the idea of purchasing 2 used busses to transport young people to church Sunday School. The costs for each bus roughly:

Purchase price \$1400.00 a year  
 Gas.....130.00 "  
 Insurance.....77.00 "  
 Registration.....89.00 "  
 Maintenance.....314.00 "

A member of the congregation who is a mechanic has offered to keep the busses running, charging only for parts.

To rent a bus costs \$32.50 a Sunday, at present.

To date the average each Sunday transported by bus is 35 to 45 a bus. The repeat youth - 75%.

Mr. Bellemore moved the authorization of the expenditure of approximately \$4,000 from the 5 year Youth Fund for the purchase of 2 busses, and their operation for a year for the purpose of transporting Sunday School children to and from the church. Seconded by Mr. Petts. The motion was carried, but Mr. Campbell who cast a negative vote requested his name and vote be recorded in the minutes.

At 9:00 Mr. Gall moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Petts.

Mr. White closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Miss Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
 Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

PRESENT: Mrs. Dashineau, Miss Werner, Mrs. Flagg, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Robertson Patch, Bellemore, Campbell and Robert White

EXCUSED: Mrs. McNally; Messers: Wilson Guenther, Gall, Spillenaar, Runals

ABSENT: Mrs. Look; Messers: Petts, Polanski, McIntyre, McRae

The November 18th Session meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Stevenson.

A sharing time was held:

1. Tentative plans for the Session Retreat, early 1975.
2. Plusses and minuses in setting up a 5 year plan directional for the church.
3. Robert White said he is not going to be ordained now, although he has completed the requirements. However, he wishes to remain in Christian work. There will be no change in his status within the church.

The October 21 minutes and these of the Special meeting, November 4, were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Dashineau, seconded by Mr. Robertson.

Miss Werner moved the treasurer's report be received, seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.



Paul Bane, a Trustee, arrived to tell of the Trustee's decision to contact an organ company, and have a specialist check the work to be done, and have it completed as soon as possible.

After lengthy discussion Mr. Campbell moved the authorization of a committee, to be composed of Reverend Stevenson, Mr. Aird, Mr. Bane, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Runals, and Mr. Campbell have a show-down meeting with Mr. Humphreys to determine if and when the work can be completed. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the three memorial plaques be placed in the south entry way of the church. Carried.

A letter from Robert DeFazio telling of his progress in seminary, plans for the future, and request for money, was read. The Christian Education Committee did not recommend any more financial aid to him.

Mr. Robertson reported that the Steward ship and Mission Committee has sent out 5 letters requesting pledges. The last letter requests an answer, either positively or negatively. To date 230 pledges have been made, pledging approx. \$58,500. Sunday, November 24, money time and talent pledges will be made during the regular Sunday Service.

Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Bellemore leave Wed. for Hartford, Conn. to pick up two 1968 school busses; one for \$1400; the other for \$1500 from an International bus dealer.

Mr. Robertson moved the approval of Mrs. Almira Currier's application to the Pres. Homes of Western New York, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Carried.

Dec. Coffee Hour: Dec. 1 - Messers: Wilson, Petts, Dec. 8th, Mrs. Flagg, Miss Werner Dec 15, Mr. Campbell Dec. 22, Mrs. Dashineau Dec. 29, Mr. Patch.

At 9:50 Mrs. Dashineau moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Flagg. Mr. White closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss Elizabeth Mitchell*  
Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 3rd 235 people took communion

DEATHS: Mr. Richard Charles Barber - NM died November 10, 1974

Mrs. Emily Ellis, died November 10, 1974, Cora E. Wakeman, died November 30-74

#### SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 16, 1974

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Flagg, Miss Werner, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Dashineau, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Robertson, Polanski, Campbell, Patch, Bellemore, White

EXCUSED: Messers: Spillenaar, Guenther, Gall

ABSENT: Messers: Wilson, Petts, McIntyre, McRae, Runals

Mr. White opened the December 16 Session meeting with prayer.

Since Reverend Stevenson, because of weather, was unable to get back from Albany for the meeting, Mr. Polanski, seconded by Mr. Patch, nominated Mr. Robertson



as Moderator - pro.tem. Mr. Polanski moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Robertson. Mrs. McNally seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Polanski moved the November 18 minutes be accepted as presented. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Flagg was carried.

Mrs. Werner moved the Treasurer's report be received. Mrs. Dashineau seconded the motion. Carried.

An informal Koinonia Committee report was given for the following events: December - Music program Christmas Eve; January - congregational dinner after the Annual Meeting; February - Sweetheart dance; March - St. Patricks spaghetti dinner; April - Korean night.

The Music and Worship Committee reported progress on the Organ.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee suggested a need to revise some budget items upwards, others downwards. They have planned a series of Minute for Missions to present to the congregation such ideas as uses for the Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas offerings. This year they plan to use the prepared material to make the people aware of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Nominating Committee has met and has things under control. The subject of the lack of attendance by some Session members was presented.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Polanski, that the Session accept the recommendation of Mr. Stevenson that the following members be delted from the rolls or placed on the inactive roll: Carried.

†. MEMBERS TO BE PLACED ON INACTIVE ROLL BECAUSE THEY ARE LIVING OUT OF TOWN(82:15)

Bologna, Mrs. Ronald D.

Choi, Dr. Hee Kyong

Mrs. Myong Shim

Williams, Daniel Richard

Bedard, Mrs. Deborah

Boyea, Mrs. Gerald

Burgress, Gary E.

Covert, Miss Kathleen

Crogan, Mrs. Roy

Dunlavy, Mrs. Joan

Edbob, Mrs. Richard

Ewart, Alan

Fluery, Miss Sharon

Harrison, Mrs. Harry

Havens, Mrs. Graig

Jones, Mrs. Harold

Johnston, Mrs. Frank

Kahn, Dr. Young

Mrs. Moon

Kruger, Mrs. James P.

Macdonald, Kenneth B.

McNally, Gary

Mrs. Peter W. Meir

Moon, Mrs. Dong

Pfiel, John W.

Mrs. Phyllis

Phelps, Glenn H.

Pittman, Mrs. Thane

Redanz, Mrs. Robert

Rivers, David

Mrs. Janice

Robertson, David C.

Rutherford, Mansell A.

Mrs. Mary

Shubert, Richard C.

Mrs. Hazel

Mr. Robert

Sideris, Mark H.

Stone, Capt. Alan

Strassburg, Dwight

Sundall, Mrs. Magnus

Thomas, Mrs. Sherman

Tyler, John C.

Walker, Mrs. Roger

Welch, Miss Sharon

Wilson, Mrs. Charles

Wright, Stanley

Mrs. Synthia

Zacharias, Quentin E.

Mrs. Evelyn

Sandra

Steven

Barbara

Brian

2. MEMBERS TO BE PLACED ON INACTIVE ROLL BECAUSE, THROUGH RESIDENTS, THEY NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION: (82:05,82:11,82:12)

Barclay, Mrs. John A.

Alexander

Barclay, John Jr.

Barrett, Paul J.

Diane

Borowicz, Mrs. Dennis

Brunn, John A.

Mrs. Jean

Buel, John B.

Caughell, Miss Bonnie Jean

Elias, Mrs. Alexander B.

Emes, William W.

Mildred

Gravino, Mrs. Pellegrino

Krauser, Mrs. Duane

Krupa, Jan

Mrs. Barbara

Krupa, Peter Jr.

Lech, Mrs. Richard

Mensing, Donald W.

Mrs. Mary Etta

Meteer, Glenn

Munch, Jack O.

Newtown, Bernard

Mrs. Mary

Pedlow, Mrs. James

Rankin, Mrs. Hudson

Ripple, Richard K (not his wife)

Robertson, Douglas

Rowles, Ray

Mrs. Marion

Searles, Michael

Spencer, Mrs. Doris

Stone, Robert A.

Strasburg, Bruce H.

Thomas, David

Mrs. Patricia

Waltz, Miss Alice May

Mrs. Frank

Wright Mrs. Sharon

3. MEMBERS TO BE DELTED FROM THE ROLLS AT THEIR OWN REQUEST: (82:12)

McAninch, Herbert

Mrs. Anne S.

Pils, Mrs. Jean

Probash, Mrs. John

Shoemaker, Mrs. Edwin

Terezia, Miss Kathleen

4. MEMBERS TO BE DELTED FROM THE ROLLS BECAUSE THEY JOINED ANOTHER CHURCH: (82:13)

Conley, Mrs. Jane

Kilpatrick, Miss Mary

Knopp, Roy C.

Mrs. Ada

Liger, Mrs. Carl

MEMBERS TO BE DELETED FROM THE ROLLS BECAUSE OF NO ADDRESS: (82:15)

Conn, Mrs. Patrica Ann

Parker, Mrs. Wilmer

Addington, Mrs. Nancy

Balogh, Charles

Mrs. Kathy

Cansler, Mrs. Robert

Dick, Capt. Donald E.

Fowlie, Mrs. Margaret

Gent, Mrs. Ian

Kristiansen, Jan O.

Mrs. Agnes

Laubocker, Henry G.

O'Neil, Mrs. Frederick

Poorman, Mrs. Paul

Miss Dianne

Ripple, Miss Christine

Wiler, Mrs. Michael

Wilson, Mrs. William

Wooley, Richard







A letter to be sent to those transferred to the Inactive Roll was considered.

#### Membership:

1. Mrs. Florence S. Thomas who lives in Trop, Pa. has requested to remain on the active roll since she plans to return to Niagara Falls. Mrs. Dashineau moved the request be honored; seconded by Mrs. McNally. Carried.
2. Mr. George McNaught who was removed from the active roll 11/6/61 wishes to be restored to the active list. Mr. Robertson moved this be done; seconded by Mrs. Flagg. Carried.
3. Beverly Liger desires to transfer to the First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, New York. Mr. Petts moved this request by granting; seconded by Mrs. Flagg. Carried.

Plans for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to meet in Niagara Falls, May 17-27, 1976 have run into several problems: (1) lack of hotel rooms within walking distance (2) lack of single hotel rooms; (3) hotels do not desire to give off season rates; (4) N.F.T.A. will make no firm commitment for busses needed. If these problems cannot be resolved shortly, the General Assembly will meet in Baltimore, Md.

It is still necessary to talk to City Officials about Sunday parking for church members in the new parking facility.

At 8:30 the following Trustees joined the Session: Miss Woodley, Mrs. Linn: Messers: Yu, Miller, Dooley, Look, Daggett, and Scott for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget for 1975.

Mr. Miller moved the tentative budget be approved for presentation to the congregation seconded by Mr. Patch. Carried.

The Trustees then returned to their own meeting.

At 9:20 Mr. Robertson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss Werner. Mr. White closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

On January 5th 241 people took communion.

DEATHS: Ernest Albert Woodring, died January 21, 1975  
Margaret Pedlow, died January 23, 1975 - NM

MARRIAGES: Marc A. Rioux to Susan Caterina on January 10, 1975

MEMBERSHIP:: Letter of Transfer - Beverly Liger desires to First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, New York

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 26, 1975

The Annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Falls, January 26, 1975, was called to order at 4:10 by Reverend A. Russell Stevenson who read Matthew 28, followed by a prayer.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mrs. Patch, that the Clerk of Session's Annual Report be received as printed in the Annual Report. Carried.

Mrs. Look, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following names for Elders:

Three years: Mr. John Goddard, Mrs. Loraine Hilts, Mr. Ralph Kullman, Mr. William Smith, Jr., Mr. Keith Spillenaar, Mr. John Yu, Mrs. Linda Burmaz was nominated for two years to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jack Guenther.

Mrs. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Linn, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

Mr. Dooley then opened the Corporation meeting.

Mr. Runals moved the report of the Trustees be accepted as printed in the Annual Report; seconded by Mrs. Brown. Carried. Mr. Dooley pointed out specifically the second to last paragraph of that report which speaks highly of Mr. Hector Morre' who is ill and has had to resign from the Board of Trustees. He has served many years and has been an asset. Now the Trustees wish to consider him as Trustee Emeritus, inviting him to attend any meetings as a non-voting participant or to communicate in anyway he desires with the board.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was presented by Mr. Campbell and accepted upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. Linn.

The proposed budget for 1975 was presented.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Runals:

Resolved that the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara, hereby authorizes the Board of Trustees in order to secure a loan in the sum of \$31,900 to mortgage the property upon which the church structure is situated to the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of American, Inc., for a term of 8 years at an annual rate of six percent (6%) and to further authorize the President of the Board of Trustees to execute all documents necessary to conclude the transaction. Seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried.

Since this is a deficit budget because \$5,900 must be raised annually to pay for the mortgage of \$31,900 it was suggested each family contribute \$1.00 extra per week per family unit to meet this expense. Envelopes used for this purpose should be labeled for the debt reduction.

Mr. McNally moved the acceptance of the budget for 1975. Mrs. Wallace seconded it. Carried.

Mrs. Look presented the following names for Trustees:

Mrs. Dorothea Cunnick, Mrs. Roberta Harris, Mr. Loren Skinner, Mr. Fred Wynn for three years. Mr. Michael Gibbons was nominated for two years to fulfill the unexpired term of Hector Morre'. Mr. McNally moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Linn. Carried.

This concluded this portion of the meeting which was turned back to Reverend Stevenson.



Mr. Linn moved that the report of the Deacons as printed in the Annual Report be received. Seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried.

Mrs. Look presented the following names for a three year term as Deacons. Mrs. Wendy Amery, Miss Helen Fox, Miss Peggy Geist, Miss Nancy Hiller, Mrs. Elaine Wynn, Mr. Smith moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot. Miss Esslie seconded it. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson then gave a "pastors report on how the congregation is doing." He commented that the building program is now completed after a long period of uncertainty and tension. The congregation has had remarkable unity and is now very unified. It is a very diverse congregation but has risen to new challenges such as the building program and the bus program. There have been no rifts despite different opinions.

The aim of the last few years has been to fulfill the Great Commission, give by Christ which is to bring people everywhere, here and around the world to God through Christ. The Calling program and the Bus Program are aimed in this direction. We are constantly learning how to improve and carry out these programs better.

The following members of the Congregation were nominated for the Nominating Committee: Miss Jean McLaren; Mrs. Carolyn Goddard; Mrs. Peggy Patch; Mr. James Linn. Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mrs. Cunnick, that the minutes of the 1974 Congregational meeting be dispensed with.

Mrs. Runals on behalf of the congregation thanked Reverend Stevenson for his leadership during these last few years.

At 5:10 Mr. Linn moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Goddard. Mr. Robert White closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Burmaz, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Runals, Spillenaar, Bellemore, Yu, Goddard, Campbell, Smith and  
Bob White

EXCUSED: Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Hilts; Messers: Patch, Polanski, Kullmann, McIntyre, Wilson

The First meeting of the year for the members of the 1975 Session, Feb. 17th, 1975, began with a meditation by Reverend Stevenson, followed by a candle light communion.

Mr. Runals nominated, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, Miss Mitchell for Clerk of the Session. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

Mr. Campbell was nominated treasurer upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. McNally. Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot; seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Mr. Runals, chairman of the Personnel Committee, spoke of the resignation of Mr. Robert White, Director of Youth and Community Ministry. The termination date is still a little indefinite because of the Communicant's class which will be completed by April. Mr. Runals moved that Reverend Stevenson be authorized to visit seminaries to interview candidates for the position and the \$400 be allotted for this purpose. Mr. Bellemore seconded the motion which was carried.

A suggestion was made that sometime a retired minister might be available for a small remuneration on a part time basis to visit older members of the congregation.

The minutes of the January 13 Session meeting and the January 26 Congregation meeting was approved upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Goddard.

It was announced that Step 1 of the mortgage application is completed and the approval of the State Supreme Court obtained.

Session assignments were announced by Reverend Stevenson and the list of committees will be sent to each member. Volunteers for Sunday welcoming committee were sought as well as persons to assist in the worship service.

Mr. Smith was nominated by Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. McNally by Mr. Smith to be the Session representatives for the 1975 Nominating Committee. Mr. Smith is to be chairman. Mr. Bellemore moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. It was carried after a seconded by Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was nominated as Presbytery Delegate by Mr. Bellemore. Mr. Runals nominated Miss Mitchell as the Alternate Presbytery Delegate. Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. It was carried after a second by Mr. Bellemore.

For the Council of Churches representatives Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Look and Mr. Goddard. Mrs. Dashineau moved, seconded by Mr. Yu, that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. Carried.



The announcement of the Elder Training Session, arranged by the EDT committee of the Presbytery of Western New York, to be held March 6, at 7:15-9:30 at Bacon Memorial Church was made.

Mr. Campbell announced that Robert DeFazio appeared at the Feb. Presbytery meeting and was accepted and taken under the care of Presbytery.

March coffee hour: March 2 - Mr. Smith  
9 - Mr. Yu  
16 - Mr. Campbell  
23 - Mrs. Dashineau-Miss Mitchell  
30 - Mrs. Burmaz - Mr. Spillenaar

The Session Retreat has been postponed until sometime after Easter, in April or May.

Every member absent tonight was accounted for. New members to the session were welcomed informally.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Stevenson at 9:35 upon a motion by Mr. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell

Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

ON Feb. 2nd 224 people took communion.

DEATHS: Mr. William Utley died Feb. 1, 1975 NM

#### SESSION MEETING, MARCH 17, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Runals, Patch, Smith, Campbell, Bellemore, Wilson

EXCUSED: Messers: Spillenaar, Kullmann, Goddard, Mrs. McNally

ABSENT: Messers: Polanski, McIntyre

After the regular Session meeting was convened March 17, 1975, with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson, the following eight new members were formally received into church membership upon a motion by Mrs. Dashineau and seconded by Mr. Patch.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: William I. Barnes, Mr. James L. Conaway

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mary A. Conaway, Mr. Rodger Crowell, Grace G. Crowell, Mr. Paul H. Schulz, Nancy C. Schultz, Rodney P. Shumway.

The meeting then moved into the sanctuary where Mrs. Hilts was ordained as an elder.

Mr. Runals moved the approval of the February 17, 1975, minutes as mailed; Seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was approved as received upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Runals moved on behalf of the Personnel Committee which is composed of representatives of all the church bodies and congregation to advise the Session to approve the nominee of the pastor and move, subject to the acceptance of the position by the candidate and approval of the candidate by the Committee on Ministerial Relations of the Presbytery of Western New York, that a call be given to R. Dennis Macaleer to come July 1 or other agreeable time with these terms: Salary \$8,700, plus \$900 car allowance; plus 16% pension, plus housing not to exceed the limit in the budget adopted by the congregation (\$2,400); plus study allowance of \$150, health insurance, a month's vacation, 2 weeks study leave, and moving expenses not to exceed \$300 unless further negotiated. Mrs. Dashineau seconded the motion. Carried. These terms will add approximately \$1,300 more than is provided in the budget.

The mortgage was sent to Lockport, March 17, 1975 for registration..

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Koinonia Committee reported the following plans: April 19 - Korean night; dinner under auspices of Women's Association. Baby sitting service will be provided.

April 27 - Reception to honor Robert and Marsha White

May 11 - Mother's Day breakfast prepared by the men of the church.

June 13 or 14 - Father's night with a sport's celebrity. -

July - outdoor program in churches mini-park

August = Church picnic, maybe at Oppenheim Park. Mr. Smith moved the report be received; seconded by Mr. Campbell. Carried.

Mr. Patch, chairman of the Communion Committee, stated that some people will serve permanently; others will be rotated.

The Christian Education Committee has been charged with creating a policy for the use of church busses.

The Niagara United Presbyterian Church has given permission to park our busses there if and when necessary. They desire assurance that they will not be held liable for damage to the busses done while on the property. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that the Clerk of the Session send a letter of thanks for the permission and include a statement that they will not be held liable. Carried.

A new 100 cup coffee maker has been purchased for use in the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour Sundays.'

One offering plate has been broken so a new one is to be ordered.

At 9:25 Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mrs. Flagg. The meeting closed with prayer by The Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss E. Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell

Clerk of Session



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Maundy Thursday March 109 people communion

Sunday March 2nd 187 people took communion

MEMBERSHIP: NEW MEMBERS: Profession of Faith: William Barnes, Mr. James Conaway  
Reaffirmation of Faith: Mary A. Conaway, Mr. Rodger Crowell, Grace G. Crowell,  
Mr. Paul Schulz, Nancy C. Schulz, Rodney Shumway

BAPTISM: Robert Lee Fix son of Robert and Brenda Fix, born December 26, 1974,  
baptized on March 30, 1975

Carla Beth Rader, daughter of Charles and Sheila Rader, born on Jan.  
1st, 1975 and baptized on March 30, 1975

Adult Baptism: James Conaway baptized 3/17/75  
Rodney Shumway, baptized 3/17/75

DEATHS:

Mrs. Della Reach - died March 2, 1975

Mr. William Smith, Sr. died March 8, 1975

Mr. Paul Gadway - died March 8, 1975

Miss Margaret Gray - died March 10, 1975

Mr. John Mollison - died March 16, 1975

Miss Ruth Morrison - died March 16, 1975

Mr. George Brice - NM - died March 16, 1975

Irene E. Yeomans NM died March 30, 1975

SESSION MEETING, APRIL 21, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. McNally  
Miss Mitchell; Messers: Bellemore, Runals, Smith, Campbell, Goddard, Spillenaar,  
Polanski, Wilson, McIntyre, Patch, and Bob White

EXCUSED: Mr. Kullmann

ABSENT: Mr. Yu

The April 21, 1975 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Runals moved the minutes be accepted as mailed. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore.  
Carried.

A brief discussion concerning using testimonies in place of a sermon ensued.

Upon motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Runals, the following transfers were  
approved:

Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton to First Presbyterian Church in Depew, New York

William Patch to Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York City, New York

Mrs. Violet McIntyre to Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, New York

The treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr.  
Smith. A legacy in memory of Mrs. Maude Bearce has been received.

As chairman of the Koinonia Committee, Mr. Wilson announced a Mother's Day Break-fast, May 11th, 8:45-9:45 to be put on by the men of the church. Adults \$1.25 - Children \$1.00. The Korean Night, April 19th, was a huge success. Mr. Campbell moved the report be received, seconded by Mr. McIntyre. Carried.

As chairman of the Stewardship & Mission Committee, Mr. Polanski reported Mr. Ralph Robertson will be chairman of the fund raising committee this Fall. Mrs. Hilts is chairman of the Minute for Mission Committee. Also she will coordinate contact with our missionaries. Mr. Runals moved the report be receive, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Mr. Runals, chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported as of now we have no prospects for Asst. Minister. However, Mr. Stevenson will be interviewing candidates Wednesday.

Mr. Campbell, our representative to Presbytery, gave a background on two overtures to be printed to General Assembly.. They are: 1. Permit each Presbytery to raise money to pay all the expenses for executive of Presbytery and this send less to the Synod. 2. Modify the complicated annual report and make it more pertinent.

Mr. Franklin Gillespie will be at Klenhan;s May1 ,1975, at 7:30 to discuss the content and distribution of A.D., the Presbyterian Magazine.

Mr. George Bolderick has withdrawn his name from this Presbytery so he can jin the church of his choice.

The Niagara Cluster of churches is being revitalized and reorganized. However, the members feel a meeting of the Elders within the Cluster is not advisable.

Reverend Stevenson spoke at some length on two issues to be presented at the General Assembly in Cincinatti.

1. A young ministerial candidate in the Pittsburgh Presbytery has definite convictions that he will not ordain women either as elders or ministers. However, if someone also ordains them, he will work with them. The Pittsburgh Presbytery was agreeable but was overuled by the administrative Commission of the General Assembly. This might mean some excellent ministers will be leaving the denomination because they do not agree with ordination of women. Clarification of the issue is being asked.
2. There is a desire to create an independent Board of Foreign Missions rather than a division of the Program Agency which has many responsibilities and interests other than foreign missions.

Mr. Runals moved a letter be sent to Reverend Hallin upon his imminent retirement because of ill health, thanking him for all he has done for First Church over the years when there was no pastor and a moderator was needed and his advise and help was necessary! We regret his leaving, but wish him a speedy recovery. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

Several matters need attention:

1. Regulation of burners on gas stove
2. Heat the dishwasher makes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Campbell, \$1,000 of Mr. Stevensons salary is hereby designated as an allowance for maintaining his home. Carried.

Mrs. Minnie Gailey is seeking admittace to one the Presbyterian Homes. Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Runals, that we recommend her and endorse her application.



The organ will be dedicated May 18.

Mr. Randy Rice, our representative in Korea, will be home so Dr. Polanski moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that he invited to preach and speak of his work June 15, and be paid a \$50 honorarium. Carried.

At 8:50 Mr. Bellemore moved adjournment.

Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer recognizing that Bob and Marsha are leaving soon to enter a new phase of their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

MEMBERSHIP : The following were transferred:

Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton to First Presbyterian Church in Depew, N.Y.  
William Patch to Broadway Presbyterian Church, N.Y.C., N.Y.  
Mrs. Violet McIntyre to Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

BAPTISM: Carla Beth Rader, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rader, born February 13, 1975 baptized April 13th, 1975

MARRIAGES: Larry Gilbert and Donna Marie Abbo on April 26, 1975

Bert Commino - died April 11, 1975 - NM  
Marion Burgess, died April 25, 1975 - NM  
Mrs. Rachel DeMay - died April 22, 1975 - NM

SESSION MEETING, MAY 19, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Hilts; Messengers: Mr. Runals, Mr. Yu, Mr. Goddard, Dr. Polanski, Mr. Smith, Mr. Patch, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Campbell and Mr. McIntyre and Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Keith Spillenaar

EXCUSED: Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. Neil Bellemore, Mr. Kullmann

Opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented. Mr. Runals moved acceptance, and seconded by Mr. Bellemore, Carried.

Treasurers Report was presented by Mr. Campbell. He reported that the response to the stewardship letters sent out was presently at \$3,5000. Mr. Runals moved approval as presented, and seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Committee of Budget and Finance Report by Reverend Stevenson:Outline of current budget situation:

Apparent projected deficit in current budget \$11,000.

## Additions to current budget:

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Candidate seeking expenses      | \$1,200      |
| Owed W&K                        | 1,795        |
| Owed Architect                  | 2,326        |
| Addl. Expense for Asst. (4 mos) | 500          |
|                                 | <u>5,821</u> |

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
|                         | <u>5,821</u> |
| Total projected deficit | \$14,821     |

## Possible sources of dollars:

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Stewardship appeal (response to date) | 3,500 |
| 3 mos. salary of Asst.                | 3,000 |
| Budgets cuts                          |       |
| Inter-Faith Housing return            |       |
| Negotiation with architect            |       |

Report of Stewardship and Mission Committee: by Dr. Polanski

Various methods of raising money for the deficit budget are being considered; such as Business Man's Lunch, Monthly suppers, asking for additional pledges, notify different organizations of the church for suggestions and help. Mr. Paul Wilson moved to accept the report and seconded by Mr. Goddard.

Personnel Committee: Mr. John Runals presented the nomination of Lawrence M. Maley as Assistant Pastor, the terms of the call to be : Salary \$8,700 (\$2,000 of which is as a supplementary housing allowance), housing allowance \$2,400, \$900 car allowance, health insurance; full pension (16%), Study allowance \$150, 2 week study leave, 1 month after 1 year, moving expenses up to \$300. Mr. Runals moved that Lawrence M. Maley be called as assistant pastor to come Sept. 8th subject to approval of Presbytery. Seconded by Mrs. Look.

John Runals discussed policy of sick benefits to full time employees sick beyond two weeks. John Goddard moved that Dorothy Scott be paid for the period 4-14-5/16 period of her illness. Seconded by Hal Polanski. Carried.

Mr. Look moved to authorize Russ to arrange to pulpit supply and leadership for the 4 or 5 Sundays he will be absent this summer. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried. Motion that honorarium be \$50.00 plus expenses. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by John Yu. Carried.

Koinonia Committee - Mr. Wilson reported that Bob and Marsha White donation was \$99.50 of cash plus paintings.

Christian Education - No report

Music and Worship - No report

Mr. Campbell suggests a brochure listing facts of our church for visitors. Moved to refer this to Koinonia Committee by Mr. Runals. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved to adjourned at 9:10 with sentence prayers. Paul Wilson seconded/

Respectfully submitted

*Lorraine Mc Nally*  
Mrs. L. McNally-sec. pro temp.



SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

On May 4th 228 people took Communion

BAPTISMS: Patrick Duane McCoy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Darl McCoy, born Dec. 13, 1969  
baptized on May 11, 1975

Scott Philip McCoy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Darl McCoty, born on Sept. 25, 1971, baptized  
on May 11, 1975

Michelle Christa, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Darl McCoy, born Oct. 31, 1974, baptized  
on May 11, 1975

MARRIAGES: Michael Franics O'Hara to Emily Jean Hauenstein married on May 24, 1975

DEATHS:

Roy Ritchings, died May 15, 1975 - N.M.

Mrs. Amelia White - died May 6, 1975

Harry Hackenheimer - died May 18, 1975

Louis Vawter - died May 22, 1975 - N.M.

Edward Alembert Montgomery - died May 27, 1975

Mary G. Woolcutt - died May 30, 1975 N.M.

Session Minutes June 16, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Burmaz,  
Miss Mitchell; Mrssers: Yu, Polanski, Kullmann, Runals, Bellemore, Patch,  
Goddard, Campbell, Wilson

ABSENT: Mr. McIntyre

EXCUSED: Messers: Smith, Spillenaar

Reverend Stevenson opened the June 16th, 1975 Session meeting with prayer.

After introductions the following members were received into church membership  
upon a motion by Mrs. Dashineau, seconded by Mrs. McNally. Carried.

TRANSFER OF LETTER: Mrs. Valerie Johnson from Episcopal, Ohsweken, Ontario

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mrs. Carey Tyler, Sr.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM: Gail Maines, Frederick Wynn, Jr., Jennifer Wynn

Sunday June 22, 1975 they will be received during the regular church service.

At this time Carolyn Gilbert who is also joining the church arrived because she had a  
conflict earlier. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Patch, that she be received into  
membership. Carried.

Mr. Kullmann who has been ill was welcomed to the Session.

Mr. Runals moved the May Minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved the treasurer's report be received; seconded by Dr. Polanski. Carried

Reporting for the Koinonia Committee, Mr. Wilson said the Father-Son night was cancelled because of so few reservations.

Mr. Polanski, reporting for the Stewardship and Mission Committee, said they are checking into the fact that all members did not receive additional pledge cards.

The committee is considering holding business men's luncheons at regular internals. Mr. Polanski moved that the committee explore the various facts of this concept and report their findings to the Session. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried. However, the warning was given that they should not rouse the concern of the surrounding hotels and restaurants.

Mr. Wilson moved the 1976 Stewardship Campaign schedule be accepted. Mr. Goddard seconded it. Carried.

Mr. Campbell reported the following ideas from the Presbytery meeting:

1. Our new assistant, Lawrence M. Maley, was accepted by Presbytery.
2. Brief comments on the report of the General Assembly meeting where middle of the road thinking prevailed. However, we raised the following concepts, to ask Presbytery
  - a. Why cannot one dissent of ordination to a part of the constitution?
  - b. Ordination of women
3. The Presbytery executive wears two hats: -- Presbytery and Synod. The activities are checked at intervals by the Personnel Committee of the Presbytery with questions from the Synod. Because of the situation at present, the Interim Executive Assistant will apply for the position of Permanent Assistant but will seek a new location.
4. West Avenue Church in Buffalo is a necessary active, struggling missionary church. It needs \$10,000 immediately to obtain a full time pastor. There is no money in the budget for this, but the Presbytery recommended the \$10,000 be included in the 1976 budget.

John Yu gave a history of the Buffalo Korean Church which was started 8 years ago. Now it is incorporated under State Law and meets at the Central Presbyterian Church (Buffalo). To help them get a good firm start, financially and otherwise, John Yu is one of the trustees of the church, giving of his "knowhow" to help the 150 member now in the church.

#### SNMMER SUPPLY:

July 6th: The Reverend Berryhill, assisted by Messers: Kullmann and Wilson  
 Aug. 24th: Dr. Polanski, assisted by Mrs. Dashineau  
 Aug. 31st: Mr. Runals, assisted by Mr. Gall  
 Sept. 7th: The Reverend Echols, assisted by Mr. Cambell

The Session will send a letter to Larry Maley upon his ordination, July 6th, in Newton, Mass.

Stanley (Skip) Petts is to be ordained July 22, in Iowa. Although he is not under this Presbytery he was raised in this church. Mr. Wilson moved we give him a Book of Common Worship and a pulpit robe as we have young people (men) from this congregation who have entered the ministry. Mrs. McNally seconded the motion. Carried. These will be charged to the Special Gift fund account and the Clerk of Session will write Mr. Petts telling him of the decision.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Runals, that two special Sunday Evening Services be held and the offering received be given to the worship leaders: June 29th: Ed and Ruth Hussman  
 August 10th: Lordsment Plus from Anderson College, Anderson, Ind. Carried.



Because there will be no regular Session meetings until September, Mr. Stevenson suggested that there be an informal Session Retreat, August 11, at their home to seek direction for the Fall and the congregation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. Dashineau. Mr. Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

ON June 1st 276 people took Communion.

BAPTISMS: Adult baptism: Mrs. Gail Maines - baptized June 22, 1975  
Frederick Wynn, Jr. "  
Miss Jennifer Wynn "

MARRIAGES: Dennis W. Minter to Judith Montagna on June 7th at First Presbyterian  
Richard Wright to Joanne M. Sirgey on June 28, 1975 at First Presbyterian  
Peter Vaccaro to Janet McNally on June 28, 1975 at First Presbyterian

DEATHS: Robert Smith - died June 2, 1975 - NM  
Jessie Smith - died June 17th 1975  
David Robertson - died on June 29, 1975

MEMBERSHIP: REAFFIRMATION: Mrs. Diana Abie, Clinton Daggett, Jr., Carolyn Marie Gilbert  
Mrs. Anita Klefler, Donald Harry Pittaro, Mr. & Mrs.  
Carey (Linda) Tyler

REAFFIRMATION & BAPTISM: Mrs. Gail Maines, Frederick Wynn, Jr., Jennifer Wynn

LETTER OF TRANSFER: Mrs Valerie Johnson

#### SESSION MINUTES OF MEETING July 18, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Campbell, Yu, Bellemore  
Patch, Gollard

EXCUSED: Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Flagg, Mr. Smith

ABSENT: Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Hilts, Messers: Runals, McInture, Wilson, Kullmann,  
Spillenaar, Polanski

The Specail Summer Session Meeting on July 18, 1975 opened with prayer by Mr. Stevenson.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider our goal setting; where we are; where we are going.

Mr. Stevenson discussed the Church Growth Movement which began and is well known as a missionary movement started by Dr. Donald McGavran. A special course on basic principles of growth for world missions is given at Fuller Seminary. It has been only the last 4 or 5 years this movement has touched the churches in the US.

The premise is that Christ in the Great Commission laid the foundation for church growth. It is His will that the Gospel be taken to the surrounding people, they be baptized, and trained as Christians.

#### PRINCIPLES INVOLVED:

1. It is Christ's will - God's will for us is to grow numerically as well as spiritually.
2. A Church which is concerned with growth will grow. Growth must be the concern of the pastor, the Session, the whole Congregation.
3. Churches don't grow because:
  - a. Theological reasons: May not believe the Great Commission is what Christ is calling them to do; the church may not be teaching the gospel; may not believe that people who don't believe in Christ are lost.
  - b. Non-responsive field: Maybe that the majority of people in one area belong to one church, ie. progress is difficult in a true Islamic community.
  - c. Wrong methods: Need to train disciples to train disciples.

Methods which a church can use for church growth:

1. Session must spend 1/2 of its time year round talking, planning evaluating, measuring church growth.
2. Find responsive segments of the population - work where the response is; ie: elderly, high school age, etc.
3. Evangelize groups and families rather than just individuals. Get the leaders, others will follow.
4. Lay evangelism and discipleship.
5. Leaders who do this are relieved from "maintenance" ministries in the church. Class I leaders: (maintenance ministries) Sunday School teachers, Session, Women's Association, etc.
- Class II leaders (growth ministries) Evangelism and discipleship -- need more leaders along this line. Their work will cause the congregation to grow.
6. Measure: number on: church rolls, Sunday School, attend church, new members drop outs, etc.
7. Goal setting: short and long range for church attendance, number in Sunday School.
8. Give new converts leadership positions: their enthusiasm can influence others and the policies set for the church.
9. Evangelism should be in like groups by like groups.
10. Constant training of lay evangelists.
11. Involve as many of the congregation as possible in planning for growth.

The question: Where do we go from here?

Bring in outside help?

Start among ourselves?

Work with several churches in the Presbytery which have the same concern and are trying to do the same thing?

After much discussion Mr. Yu moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that 12 books by the Dr. Arn be purchased; 6 for the session to read; 6 for interested ministers in other churches. The book will be discussed in Session meetings, especially the principles which apply to our situation. Carried.

After ideas have been thoroughly explored and discussed, we may be able to have a seminar late winter.



- 7 - Mrs. Look  
14 - Mr. Yu  
21 - Mr. Wilson  
28 - Mrs. McNally

At 9:35 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Mr. Patch.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Mitchell  
Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

On July 6th 200 people took Communion

DEATHS: Mrs. Alice Robertson died July 17, 1975  
Miss Margaret Frost died July 27, 1975

### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

On August 3rd 185 people took Communion

BAPTISMS: Brandy Ann Blanchard - daughter to Roger & Patricia Blanchard - born ~~November 17, 1971~~ March 14, 1975 - baptized on August 10 - First Presbyterian Church

Martin Judd Johnson - son to Alan & Valerie Johnson - born Nov. 17, 1969 - baptized on August 10th, 1975 - First Presbyterian Church

Karen Diane - daughter to Alan & Valerie Johnson - born Aug. 26, 1972 - baptized on August 10, 1975 - First Presbyterian Church

MARRIAGES: James Lynch to Maria Wainscoat on August 7, 1975  
William James Polter to L. Suzanne Ranchil on August 9, 1975  
~~Ernesto A. Sanchez III to Mary Jane~~

DEATHS: Mr. Andrew MacVie, Sr. died August 15, 1975 - NM

## SESSION MEETING MINUTES, September 15, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Look, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Burmaz, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Campbell, Polanski, Patch, Spillenaar, Goddard, Smith, Kullmann and Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messers: Runals, Yu, Wilson

ABSENT: Messers: Bellemore, McIntyre

The September 15th Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Reverend Larry Maley, the new Assistant Minister, was introduced and welcomed. In turn the Session introduced themselves. The installation of Reverend Maley was discussed and the requirements stated. It was decided to hold the service Oct. 26th during the regular morning service since the Presbytery is willing. Mr. Kullmann moved that these plans be implemented for Oct. 26th; seconded by Mrs. McNally. Carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Ellis who wish to transferred from the First United Presbyterian Church of Toledo, Ohio, came to the meeting. The clerk read a very fine letter from the minister in Toledo highly recommending Mr. & Mrs. Ellis for membership. Mrs. Dashineau moved they be received, seconded by Mr. Kullmann. Carried.

Since we now have an Assistant Minister it is necessary to select another delegate to Presbytery and an alternate. The selection has been postponed until the next Session meeting.

The Session discussed in some detail how to measure church growth. These suggestions for possible measurement were made:

1. % of new members active from last 15 years.
2. % of members active in an activity in addition to worship
3. % of members who are here on Sunday morning at least 10 Sundays a year.
4. % of church officers active ( attending worship or participating)
5. % of members lost this year. ( not thru death or moving)
6. Membership
7. Sunday morning attendance
8. Number of baptisms
9. Number of students in seminary
10. Sunday School attendance
11. Number of new members received
12. Number of new Christians in one-to-one follow-up relationships or small groups
13. Number of members involved in nurture ministries verses number of members involved in growth ministries.

It is necessary to measure so as to help in goal setting. There will be more discussion at the next Session meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Kullmann, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, the minutes for the June 16 and July 18 Session meetings were approved.

Mr. Goddard moved the treasurer's report be received. Seconded by Mrs. Burmaz. Carried.

The Christian Education Committee recommended Gregg Olsen be granted a \$200 scholarship this year. Miss Mitchell moved the grant be paid in two installments. 2nd by Mrs. Dashineau. Carried.



After a brief discussion, Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Dashineau that the Choir be responsible for the Christmas Eve service. Carried. It is felt this should be a family service, held early evening and that a special effort be made to get the families of the bus pupils to attend.

Gary Gall has received a call to a church and will be ordained this Fall. Mr. Polanski moved that the congregation present him with a Book of Common Worship and a robe as we have done for these of our church who have entered the ministry. Mrs. Dashineau seconded the motion. Carried.

The September 7th Dialogue and Fellowship Hour held an exploratory session based on the sermons concerning the actions of the General Assembly and a report of one of the participants, as to what the congregation can do. The following points were made:

1. Resume of Presbytery actions appear in the Church bulletin regularly.
2. Announcement of Cluster meetings be made in the church bulletin so any one interested may attend.
3. Have regularly scheduled church related discussion periods during the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour.
4. Mr. Stevenson approach qualified persons to serve on Presbytery committees.

Mr. Campbell announced two gifts:

1. Carpet for some of the Sunday School Rooms.
2. A gift of \$50,000 to the Endowment Fund. It is restricted in that only the interest maybe by the Church.

At 10:05 Mrs. Look moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Burmaz. Prayer by Reverend Stevenson closed the Session meeting.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

On September 7th 290 people took Communion

MARRIAGES: Eugene Seeber to Mary Jane Welch on Sept. 13th  
Donald Pittaro to Terri McNally on Sept 13th  
John Barclay to Peggy Ferry on Sept. 20th

DEATHS: Viola Leypolt died Sept. 17th, 1975

MEMBERSHIP: Mr. & Mrs. J. Leslie Ellis (Dorothy) transferred from First Presbyterian Church, Toliedo, Ohio

PRESENT: Ralph Kullmann, John Runals, Paul Wilson, Bill Campbell, Hal Polanski, Larry Maley, John Yu, Lorraine Hilts, Jim Patch, John Goddard, Jeanne Flagg, Linda Burmaz

EXCUSED: Keith Spillenaar, Bill Smith, Juanita Look, Elizabeth Mitchell

ABSENT: Messers: Bellmore, McIntyre; Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. McNally,

Mr. Stevenson opened with prayer

Began with discussion Church Growth Seminar. February 27-28, possible seminar dates for Church Growth Seminar Dr. Arn will come to introduce the seminar at First Presbyterian Church on November 13th at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Goddard moved that the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls plan to participate in a Church Growth Seminar on Feb. 27-28 provided a total of 3 churches are involved and that we offer our church as the site for stated seminar. Seconded. Carried.

Examined statistics on membership. Russ Stevenson suggested some statistics as particularly valuable to examine in determining our goals and plans. They include:

1. Church attendance
2. Sunday School attendance
3. New Members (youth and adult)
4. Number of attending members
5. Number of active members
6. Number of members involved in growth ministries
7. Number of new Christians involved in follow-up

Motion was made by John Runals and seconded by John Goddard to follow these statistics in the future. Seconded. Carried.

Bill Campbell presented the Treasurers report. John Goddard moved the report be accepted. Seconded by Paul Wilson. Carried.

Hal Polanski presented the report of the Stewardship and Mission Committee. Motion was made by Hal Polanski to have th Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings pooled and held in escrow, to be send to Woodberrys our missionary in Afganistan, for the use in feeding the hungry in his area. The motion was defeated.

Paul Wilson presented the report of the Koinonia committee:

Future Events - November - movie "The Hiding Place", Nov. 14th  
 December - Christmas Cantata  
 January - Congregational Dinner  
 February - St. Valentines Day Square Dance  
 March - Children's Pary by Junior and Senior High  
 May - Mother's Day Breakfast

The report was received and carried.

Bill Campbell presented a report on the church pictorial directory, and the failure of it materialize.

Motion was made by Paul Wilson and seconded by John Runals to recommend Isabel Esslie to Presbyterian Home.

Reverend Stevenson recommended that the session begin to investigate the possibility of purchasing land for future parking space.

Respectfully Submitted

*Laurence M. Maley*  
 Larry Maley - Secretary - Pro. Temp.



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBEROn October 5th 220 people took communionBAPTISM:

Amie Michelle Cantara - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cantara born June 6, 1975  
baptized Oct. 12

Jennifer Brooke Emanuele - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Emanuele born Aug. 26, 1975  
baptized Oct. 12

SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 1975

Present: Mrs. Look, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Kullmann, Polanski, Wilson, Goddard, Spillehaar, Yu, Campbell

Excused: Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Flagg; Messers: Bellemore, Runals, Patch, Reverend Malley

Absent: Mr. Smith

The November 17, 1975 Session meeting opened with brief sentence prayers by the members.

Mr. Kullmann moved the Oct. 20th minutes be accepted. Mrs. Look seconded the motion. Carried.

A discussion concerning the presentation, Nov. 13th, 1975, by Mr. Win Arn concerning the Church Growth Seminar. To date three other churches have signified their intention of joining us Feb. 27-28 in the program.

The matter of inactive church members was considered. There are two types of inactivity: 1) Very inactive - probably lost to the congregation; 2) Those who don't come often but contribute to the support of the church. The session is planning to ask the other Board to join in a plan whereby each member will contact one or more on the inactive list to try to revitalize interest in attending church.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Dr. Polanski that the Treasurers report be accepted. Carried.

As of Nov. 18, 1975, 253 members have pledged \$65,534 for 1976 in the Stewardship campaign/

Committee Reports:

1. Christian Education: Mr. Wilson moved that insurance on the busses be increased to cover 100 days each; the money to come from the Five Year Youth Fund. Seconded by Dr. Polanski. Carried. There is to be an Advent Wreath this year with a lighting ceremony each Sunday.

2. Koinonia Committee: There was a good attendance at the movie, The Hiding Place. The committee is exploring the possibility of having the Muskegan College Choir give a concert late March or early April, during the college's Spring Recess.

3. Memorial Fund : Mr. Wilson moved that three unit assustacons be replace in the church the money to come from the Memorial Fund. Seconded by Dr. Polanski. Carried.

The letter sent to George Hersch concerning the acquisition of property for church parking was read. He replied that the Master Plan did not provide for this type of parking, but that he had refered the letter to the proper individuals and an answer would be forthcoming within a few weeks.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mrs. McNally that Mr. & Mrs. John Mifflin be recommended for entrance in the Presbyterian Home. Carried.

Permission for the Transfer of Mr. & Mrs. James McIntyre to the Lewiston Presbyterian Church was granted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts.

Coffee Hour Dec. 7 - Hal Polanski  
14- Paul Wilson  
21-Lorraine McNally, Miss Mitchell  
28-John Yu, Lorraine Hilts

Since the Youth Budget has not been emphasized and there is a need to teach young people to contribute regularly, the matter is refered to the Stewardship and Mission Committee and the Christian Education Committee for discussion and probable solution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

On November 2 275 people took communion

Membership - Mr. & Mrs. James McIntyre transferred to Lewiston Presbyterian Church.

Deaths: Mrs. Joseph McManigle - died November 4, 1975  
Mr. Melvin Ruff - died November 6, 1975  
Mrs. Maynard Parker - died November 17, 1975



SESSION MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 15, 1975

PRESENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Runals, Campbell Smith, Wilson, Goddard, Yu, Patch, Bellemore, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Flagg; Mrs. McNally, Messers: Polanski, Kullmann, Spillenaar

ABSENT: Mrs. Dashineau

The December 15, 1975 meeting opened with sentence prayers.

Mr. Runals moved the November 17 minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Yu. Carried

Because of work and other good reasons none of the new class members could attend this Session meeting. Mr. Yu moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that we receive in absentee Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vigue, on profession of faith; Miss Wenda Skinner by reaffirmation of faith. Carried.

Mr. Yu moved, seconded by Mr. Patch, that Mr. Daniel Flaim be received by profession of faith pending a talk with Reverend Stevenson, and his (Mr. Falim decision). These people will be welcomed at the morning service, Dec. 21.

A letter from Gary Gall concerning his ordination which was to be held early in Dec. was read.

Six Churches plan to join in the Seminar for Church Growth in Feb. which will be held here at First Church. A committee of three from the Session will make the basic arrangements. There is a need for a good Session participation in this weekend meeting, as well as having all segments of the congregation represented. Mr. Stevenson asked for ideas and suggestions for answering certain questions found in the Advance Growth Organizer for this seminar. Some of the items were discussed and suggestions given for the answers.

Five names of inactive members were suggested to be contacted by Session members.

Mr. Runals moved that following members be transferred to the inactive roll:

Local: Mr. & Mrs. John Current, Mrs. John Haseley, Mr. Charles Kuhns, Jr., Mr. Dudley McIntyre, Mr. Daniel McIntyre, Mrs. Margaret McMicking, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Murrell, Mrs. Avon Ripple, Mrs. Mary Sarkos, Mrs. Herbert Stauffer, Mrs. Dora Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Babcock

Out of Town: Mrs. Donna Glahe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wright, Mr. Craig Austin, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Krell, Mrs. Mary Jane Seeber, Mrs. Verna Stipp, Mr. Gustin Welch, Miss Patty Gall, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Badiali

The out of town members will receive letters suggesting they become active in a church in the community where they now reside. Mr. Goddard seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Treasurer's report be received. Carried. Mr. Campbell said that to date pledges for 1976 have reached \$69,300.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Koinonia is planning a New Year's Eve party dinner at 8:00 p.m. entertainment, Night Watch Service at 11:00 p.m. followed by dancing. \$2.50 a person.
2. Nominating Committee is to meet again Dec. 16, 1975
3. Bussing: All parents of the bus children have been invited to the Christmas Eve Service. Jan 10, 1975, pupils in Grades 1-6 are to have a toboggan party.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bill of \$131.75 for the robe purchased by Gary Gall upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

Mr. Mifflin needs callers and company as he is lonely.

The church picture directory will be issued in black and white, and has been delayed because of a disastrous fire at the company which is doing the work.

George Hirsch of the Urban Renewal Agency has suggested that the church might lease some ground for \$1.00 a year for parking. RCDC has to pass on it.

A bequest from Miss Margaret Frost has been received and the Clerk of Session who is also chairman of the Memorial Fund Committee is to acknowledge it.

At 9:20 Mr. Patch moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Burmaz. Reverend Maley closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

clerk of session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

on Dec. 7 228 people took communion

#### MEMBERSHIP: The following were put on the inactive roll:

Mr. & Mrs. John Current, Mrs. John Haseley, Mr. Charles Kuhns, Jr., Mr. Dudley McIntyre, Mr. Daneil McIntyre, Mrs. Margaret McMicking, Mr. & Mrs. Nel Murrell, Mrs. Avon Ripple, Mrs. Mary Sarkos, Mrs. Herbert Stauffer, Mrs. Dorra Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Babcock, Mrs. Donna Glahe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wright, Mr. Craig Austin, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Krell, Mrs. Mary Jean Seeber, Mrs. Verna Stipp, Mr. Gustin Welch, Miss Pat Gall, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Badiali

#### BAPTISM:

Heather Laurie Vigue daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vigue baptized Dec. 14  
 Ronald Graham son to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vigue baptized Dec. 14-1975  
 Melissa Gibbs daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gibbs baptized Dec. 14-1975  
 Laura Beth Goddard daughter to Mr. & Mrs. John Goddard, baptized Dec. 14-1975  
 Louise Siener daughter to Mr. & Mrs. William Siener, baptized Dec. 14, 1975

#### DEATHS:

Michael Searles died Dec. 14, 1975 NM



SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION, December 28, 1975

Present: Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. McNally, Miss Mittchell; Messers: Goddard, Runals, Yu, Wilson, Smith, Reverend Maley

Excused: Mrs. Flagg; Messers: Patch, Spillenaar, Kullmann, Bellemore, Burmaz

Absent: Mr. Polanski, Mr. Campbell

Reverend Stevenson opened a Special Sessions Meeting, Dec. 28, 1975 at 10:45 with prayer.

Reverend Maley introduced David Winters, age 11. He told why he wanted to be baptized and join the church. Then he repeated the membership vows.

Mr. Wilson moved that David Winters be received as a member after baptism. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Reverend Maley closed the brief meeting with pryer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

JOINT SESSION AND TRUSTEES MEETING, Jan 12, 1976

Present: Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Campbell, Polanski, Goddard, Yu, Bellemore, Patch, Smith  
Reverend Maley

Excused: Mrs. Burmaz, Messers: Spillenaar, Kullmann, Wilson

Absent: Mr. Runals, Mrs. Flagg

Trustees present: Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Harris, Messers: Dooley, Bane, Gibson

The Jan 12, 1976 Joint Session and Trustees meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mrs. Cunnick moved the Treasurers report for Dec. 1975 be accepted, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, Carried.

Mr. Dooley presented the Budget & Finance Committee report of the proposed 1976 budget. It is about 10% higher than the 1975 budget.

Quite a discussion was held concerning the designation of the benevolence giving to the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Polanski, that the 100% designation of the benevolences as stated in the proposed 1976 budget be approved. Carried.

A motion to accept the proposed 1976 budget and present it at the Congregational meeting Jan. 25, was made by Mr. Bane, seconded by Mr. Patch. Carried.

At 8:45 the Session meeting started.

The minutes for the Dec. 15 Session meeting was approved. by Mr. Goddard. 2nd by Mrs. McNally

The following list of proposed Goals and Plans for 1976 was discussed.

GOALS:

1. Deepen the fellowship of the congregation and the sense that we are all part of one family in Christ.
2. "Close the holes on the sieve": that is, try to find ways to keep from losing members who are on the periphery of the congregation -- even though they may have been members for many years.
3. Pray for each other with the family of the congregation more in 1976 than in 1975.
4. A 10% growth in Sunday attendance over 1975 (from 330 to 365 per Sunday).
5. A 20% increase in the number of new members received (from 35 to 42).
6. A 25% increase in the number of people involved in "outreach ministries": (eg. Calling Program, Bus Program, Evangelistic Bible Studies).
7. A 5% increase in the number of people involved in training programs: (eg. Bethel teachers, Calling Program) and Bible study courses (eg. Bethel Dialogue and Fellowship Hour, small group Bible studies).

PLANS:

1. Institute a Shepherd Program (#1-4 above).
2. Institute a once-a-month "Sunday Evening Celebration." (#1, 3&4 above)
3. Begin a newspaper advertising campaign. (#4 & 5) above)
4. Institute "Christian Family Seminars" for parents of children recently baptized or dedicated. (#1, 2&4 above)
5. Keep Calling Program moving and growing. (#4-6 above)
6. ARS and LMM keep active "prospect lists" during 1976 (#5 above)
7. Try to evangelize bus families, encourage them to bring their own children to Sunday School and church, and thereby make room for new children on the buses. (#4 & 5 above)
8. Begin one new Bethel class. (#7)
9. Send LMM to Madison this summer for Bethel Training planning for another Bethel teachers' class to begin 1977 (#7 above)
10. Plan events for Sunday School teachers which will help them in encouraging children to make a commitment to Christ and unite in membership with the church (#5 & 6) above)

A brief explanation of the Shepherd Program was given. Mrs. Dashineau moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that the Session adopt this plan as proposed for 1976.

Mrs. Hilts needs more information concerning benevolences for Minute for Mission.

Mrs. Look announced that the Music & Worship Committee plans to honor Mr. James Linn at the Annual Congregation meeting for his many years as soloist in the choir.

The paper, Presbyterian Layman, published by the General Assembly, contains news from the conservative and evangelical wing of the church. Mr. Yu moved that we ask to have it sent to all members of the Session. Seconded by Mrs. McNally. Carried.

Mrs. Minnie Gaileys application to enter the Presbyterian Home as accepted upon a motion by Mrs. Dashineau, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Coffee Hour- March 7 - Mrs. Hilts

14 - Mrs. Dashineau

21 - Mr. Smith

28 - Mr. Wilson

At 10:05 the meeting adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Bellemore, Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Mr. ~~Sm~~ Bellemore gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell-Clerk of Session



SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

On January 5 245 people took communion

## DEATHS:

Mrs. John (Lucy) Mifflin Died Jan. 9th

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1976

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson, Jan. 25, 1976.

A Psalm of Praise, Psalm 148, was read.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Daggett, that the annual report of the Clerk of Session be received as printed in the booklet. Carried

Mr. William Smith presented the following names of persons to serve 3 years term as Elders: Mr. Clinton Daggett, Mr. Leslie Ellis, Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Mr. George Petts, Jr., Mrs. Harold Polanski, Miss Esther Werner. Mr. Robertson moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Nicol. Carried. Mr. Robertson moved the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Mr. Look seconded the motion. Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Dooley, President of the Board of Trustees. After a few remarks by Mr. Dooley, Mr. McNally moved the report of the President of the Trustees be accepted as printed. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Campbell, Treasurer, pointed out the highlights of the 1975 budget. A motion to receive and accept the Treasurer's annual report as printed was made by Mrs. Cunnick, seconded by Mr. Linn. Carried.

The proposed budget for 1976 was presented. Mr. Linn moved it be accepted; seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

Mr. Smith presented the following names to serve as Trustees for 3 years: Mr. William Gibson, Mr. Fred Hayes, Mr. Nick Kryway. Mr. Michael Smith. Mr. Robertson moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion which was carried.

At this time Mr. Dooley turned the meeting back to the Moderator. Reverend Stevenson then called on Mr. Smith for the nominations for three year terms as Deacons. The following names were presented: Mr. James Conaway, Mr. Roger Crowell, Mrs. Darcey Schultz, Mr. Carey Tyler. Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed, and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Mr. Gibbons seconded it. Carried.

The following were nominated from the floor to represent the congregation on the 1976 nominating committee: Mr. Harold Miller. Mr. McNally moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Mr. James Linn who has been base and baritone soloist and section leader in the church choir for over 30 years, was honored with a plaque and a Spode Carving Set, suitably engraved.

Reverend Stevenson then gave the Pastor's Report touching on the successful integration of the bus program into the life of the church in 1975. He talked about the goals for 1976 which the Session adopted at its January 1976 meeting. Plans are being laid to deepen the fellowship within the congregation to include all people, and to do something to stimulate inactive members. Within the near future (Feb. 27,28) there is to be a Church Growth Seminar and all are invited to attend. A 12 minute film giving a rough idea of the seminar was shown. Five other area Presbyterian churches are joining in the seminar with us.

Mr. Robertson called attention to an article in the most recent edition of the New Yorker, telling about the arrest of 5 Presbyterians ministers in South Korea, and how they were released because of the power of the Presbyterian Church/

Miss Werner moved the reading of the minutes for the 1975 Annual Meeting be dispensed with. Mrs. Cunnick seconded the motion. Carried.

At 5:20 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Patch that the meeting be adjourned. A prayer by Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

*Elizabeth Mitchell*  
clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 16, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Messers: Bellemore, Campbell, Wilson, Goddard, Smith, Spillenaar, Yu, Daggett, Ellis.

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Messers: Patch, Kullmann

The February 16, 1976 Session Meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mrs. Polanski was ordained and installed as a church ilder by Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley with the assistance of the Session members.

Reverend Stevenson led the Session in a Communion Service and prayers for a successful year.

The members then divided into prayer groups as part of an experiment in fellowship.

A welcome was extended to the new Session members.

On a motion by Neil Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Look, the minutes of the following meetins were approved as presented.

- a. special Session meetins Dec. 28, 1975
- b. joint Session and Trustees meetings, Jan. 12, 1976
- c. Congregational Annual Meeting, Jan. 25th 1976

#### Election of Clerk of Session

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Petts that Miss Elizabeth Mitchell be elected Clerk of Session, unanimously approved.

Election of Church Treasurer: Motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Bellemore that Mr. William Campbell be elected church treasurer. Unanimously approved.



The Policy Booklets were distributed at this time with an explanation of their contents and purpose.

The proposed Session Committee Structure for 1976 was presented by Reverend Stevenson. After a period of questions and answers, the Structure was approved on a motion by Mr. Paul Wilson, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar.

On a motion by Mr. Spillenaar, seconded by Mr. Goddard, the following Presbytery Delegates and Alternates were elected.

William Campbell-Delegate

George Petts-Delegate

John Yu- Alternate

Neil Bellemire-Alternate

Nominating Committee: On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilson two members were elected, Mrs. Polanski, chairman and Mr. Ellis

The Session Roster was reviewed for service as Greeters, which would not conflict with choir commitments, busing program etc. This list was then circulated, with a request, that persons willing to participate in church services note after their names, the type of activity best suited for the.

The Coffee Hour assignments were designated for March, per Jan 12-76 meeting.

Treasurer's Report by Mr. Campbell: Motion by Mr. Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Look that the report be accepted as presented. Approved.

#### Church Growth Data:

Reverend Stevenson presented copies of the Growth and Attendance Statistics and also reviewed the summary of responses to recent church survey.

It was recommended that we use the following basis for our Goal 1976 Measurements.

- a. Item 6-To include Busing Program, Calling Program and "VAN" Pick-up program
- b. Item-7 Follow Dialogue and Fellowship and Bethel Series Attendance for Statistical and Measurement.

#### Plans-1976

Reverend Maley and Reverend Stevenson distributed typical articles as examples of type of newspaper advertising they hope to achieve.

Church Growth Seminar: To date there are approximately 30 persons registered to attend from our church. In order to bolster attendance, the following actions were approved.

- a. Reminder to Mr. Dooley to Reverend Stevenson in time for Trustees meeting.
- b. Reminder for Mrs. Schultz in time for Deacons Meeting
- c. All Session Members are to promote attendance during the fellowship time after church service on Sunday.
- d. Mrs. Hilts and Mr. Wilson agreed to "man" the doors from the sanctuary to the street in order to give everyone an opportunity to register. Mrs. Burmaz agreed in order to cover the side entrance while Mr. Polanski was in the fellowship hall.
- e. It was further agreed that all attending elders will act as hosts and to assist as required throughout the seminar.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. Mr. Wilson reported that the New Years Eve program and the Feb. Square Dance were well attended and enthusiastically received.

b. Reverend Maley announced a planned children's night to be sponsored by the Senior High's. The evening will consist of Games, Singing, a Carnival atmosphere and social activity for young people. Reverend Maley requested in from parents on the most suitable date. March 26th or 27th.

#### New Business

Mr. Spillenaar recommended attendance at the full gospel businessman's meetings. Presbyterian Layman will be the speaker at the February 23rd meeting. Reverend Stevenson announced that the Council of Churches are planning the Ash Wednesday Services at our Church. Full details will be announced later.

On a motion by Mr. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Reverend Maley led us a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*George J. Petts*  
George Petts

Acting Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Feb 1 28 people took communion

DEATHS: Verna Stipp died Feb. 19th - NM

Gerald Mulholland, Feb. 6 - NM



SESSION MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 15, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Burmaz:  
Messers: Wilson, Petts, Goddard, Ellis, Spillenaar, Bellemore, Patch,  
Campbell, Yu, Daggett and Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mr. Kullmann

ABSENT: Miss Werner, Mr. Smith

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson opened the March 15, 1976 Session Meeting.

A welcome to new members was extended followed by introduction of Session members and new members. Upon a motion by Mr. Spillenaar, Seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the following were received into membership: ADULTS:

TRANSFER OF LETTER:

Mrs. Vincent (Dorothy) Ciesielski, Mr. & Mrs. (Edith) James Mitchell

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM

Mrs. Emma Wallace

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. Vincent S. Ciesielski, Mr. Guy Wallace, Mrs. Wilma Montagna

The following YOUTH were received into membership: PROFESSION OF FAITH

|                    |                   |                |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Cidy Dashineau     | Lisa Burmaz       | Lesley Milne   |
| Sandra Spillenaar  | Duana Eakin       | Richard Moore  |
| Penny Felstead     | Duane Kreps       | Domma Baker    |
| Jim VanValkinburgh | Judy Hawes        | Allen Johnson  |
| Barbara Hiller     | Theresa Naccarato | Teresa Johnson |
| Jamie Pittman      | Joe Naccarato     | Terry Wade     |
| Robbie Gilbert     | Rita Woods        | Wayne Wade     |
| Annie Hamilton     | Bobbie Irish      |                |
| Mark Emmanuel      | Angela Ambrosia   |                |

The following YOUTH were received into membership: PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM

Lisa General  
Kimberly Wallace  
Alice Wade  
Kevin Winters  
Mary Ellen Ricuitti

The minutes for February 16, 1976 were corrected to read Mrs. Hilts rather than Mrs. McNally would "man" a door from the sanctuary to the street. The delegates for the Council of Churches are John Goddard and Russell Look. Mr. Wilson moved the minutes as corrected be accepted. Second by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

A discussion on Church Growth ensued. The 24 hour prayer conducted March 12, 6:00 pm was an outgrowth from the Friday, March 5th follow up meeting to the Feb. 27, 28 Church Growth Seminar. The purpose was to seek direction.

As advertising campaign, consisting of one ad per week during Lent in the Niagara Gazette, is a tangible result, and began last week.

It was decided after lengthy discussion upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts to conduct an intensive campaign to invite people to attend one of two services Easter morning. Mrs. Burmaz and Mrs. Polanski, Mr. Maley and Mr. Wilson will work with Reverend Stevenson to make plans and execute them.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Yu that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Upon motion by Mr. Daggett, seconded by Mr. Goddard, the job description for an Assistant Housekeeper was adopted.

MUSIC & WORSHIP: Mrs. Flohn Offenhauer has resigned as section leader in the choir. Mr. Petts moved the Session support the committee's recommendation that Mrs. Offenhauer's resignation be accepted, and a letter thanking her for her years of service be sent. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion which was carried. Mrs. Look offered a prayer for Mrs. Offenhauer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Patch, Denise Decker will be hired as the soprano section leader for an indefinite period.

Mr. Goddard moved that the Music and Worship Committee finalize plans for the Sunday Evening Celebration so as to start the first Sunday evening in April if possible. Seconded by Mr. Yu. Carried.

#### STEWARDSHIP & MISSION:

Mr. Daggett moved that March 28th be designated as the One great Hour of Sharing Sunday. Second by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

KOINONIA: The Muskingum College Choir will sing at 8:00 p.m.; March 28, in the church. A free will offering will be taken. Lodging and breakfast must be found for the 37 members. Provisions have been made for dinner, for the Choir, Sunday evening.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: March 26, 7-9 P.M., there is to be a party for the Sunday School K-6, with the Junior and Senior High groups helping. About 14 young people are planning to attend the Young Life Camp in Colorado, the first 2 weeks in August. Each participant will pay \$25 of the \$50 registration fee. Mr. Bellemore moved the other \$35 for each person be taken from the 5 Year Youth Fund. Mr. Yu seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved Mrs. Mary Sarkos be reinstated to the active member list. Mrs. Look seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Yu moved a name of a youth from the congregation, by April 6, be submitted to the Presbytery to become a youth delegate to the Synod of Northeast or the General Assembly. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

At 10:45 a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Rev. Maley offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



March 7th 216 people took communion

ADULT BAPTISM: Lisa General, Mary Ellen Ricuitti, Alice Wade, Guy Wallace, ~~Emma Wallace~~ Kimberly Wallace, Kevin Winters - all were baptized on March 15, 1976

BAPTISM: Chandra Wallace, Stacy Lynn Wallace, Jeffery C. Wallace baptized on March 21, 1976

DEATHS: Mrs/ Beatrice Marseilles, died 3/6/76 - NM  
Patricia DeFazio - died 3/6/76 NM  
Mrs. Clark (Esther) Daggett - died 3/12/76

MEMBERSHIP: (see minutes of March 15, 1976)

# SESSION MINUTES - APRIL 12th, 1976

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Polanski (arrived 8:45), Miss Mitchell; Messers: Petts, Goddard, Wilson, Ellis, Daggett (left 8:45)  
Yu, Bellemore (arrived 8:40), Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Look, Messers: Patch, Campbell (at Trustees meeting)

ABSENT: Messers: Spillenaar, Kullmann, Smith

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson, the Moderator, opened the Session meeting, April 12-76.

Upon a motion by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Wilson the March 15, 1976 minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

Miss Werner - excused

Christian Ed. report, "Mr. Bellemore moved the other \$25 not \$35 for each person be taken from the 5 year Youth Fund."

Mrs. Burmaz moved, seconded by Mr. Petts, the Treasurers report be received.  
Carried.

## CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR NEWS

1. Some of the auditing churches have scheduled a Church Growth Seminar for Oct. 29, 30, 1976.
2. An advanced Church Growth Seminar will be held Feb. 6, 7, 1977. Our Church can participate.
3. Before the April 27 Presbytery meeting, all churches interested will have a follow up session at 2:30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Tonawanda.

About 1,000 invitations to the Easter Services have been sent to people in the church and community. The 500 remaining invitations will be delivered within the area by young people from the church. Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Ellis, there that be a follow-up to the Easter invitations by members of the congregation and church boards, calling on those guests who attended the Easter service. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:KOINONIA

The Muskingum College Choir concert was well received and there was a \$115 gift given to them

May 9th there will be a Mother's Day breakfast before the church service.

At this time Mr. Campbell came from the Trustees meeting. The Building Fund is \$2700 in the red. Outside painting of the church will be about \$2000, and gutter repair on the East side of the church will be approx. \$800. Also more funds than budgeted are needed for the upkeep and repair of the manse. Mr. Campbell moved that up to \$6000 to cover the building fund deficit, exterior painting, and gutters on the East side of the church be taken from the Legacy Fund. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Mr. Campbell also moved there be an understanding that desirable and necessary repairs to the manse be drawn from the Legacy Fund, but the specifics will be supplied at a later date for approval. Mrs. Hilts seconded. Carried.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP:

Need for more choir members.

About 80-85 attended the April 4th Sunday evening celebration. Suggestions have been received on how to improve it.

Lay Sunday is to be April 25 according to a motion by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Yu. Carried.

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION

Mr. Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Easter offering go towards the Benevolence Fund. Carried.

MEMORIAL FUND

The committee recommended that about 200 green hymnals be replaced from contributions given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mr. E. Montgomery, a former elder. His wife will give the difference, and a memorial book plate will be inserted in each hymnal. Miss Mitchell moved this recommendation be accepted. Mr. Petts seconded the motion. Carried.

COMMUNION

Since Mr. Patch is away, Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Smith will have charge of the Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

PASTORIAL CARE

Preparatory work is going on, but there is not too much activity until after Lent and Easter.

June Coffee Hours

June 6-Mrs. Burmaz-Mr. Wilson

13-Mr. Petts

20-Mr. Hilts

27-Mr. Ellis

Newscopte from the General Assembly was passed out.

Mr. Yu moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the Building Committee be dismissed with thanks. Carried.



The evening of April 26 a hearing on permitting gambling in the city is to be held at the Greek Theater in the Convention Center. Mrs. Hilts moved, seconded by Miss Werner, that Reverend Maley represent the church state our position which is opposed to gambling. Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Yu, that \$1,000 of the salary of Reverend Stevenson, and \$1,000 of the Salary of Reverend Maley be designated as housing allowance. ~~Carried~~ Carried.

After much discussion Mr. Petts moved than announcement appear in the church bulletin and signs be posted in the kitchen that no smoking be permitted there, and that the Board of Trustees be notified of this decision. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

At 9:30 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Yu. The meeting closed with prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 4-76 252 people took communion

BAPTISM: Holly Melissa Felstead - born November 4, 19776 - Baptism 4/4/76  
Parents - Edward & Bonnie Felstead

DEATHS - Mrs. Mary Woodring - died April 25-1976

#### SESSION MEETING MAY 17 1976

PRESENT: Messers: Paul Wilson, G. Petts, C. Daggett, J. Goddard, R. Kullmann, J. Yu, M. Bellemore, M. Smith, J. Patch, William Campbell, L. Ellis  
Mrs. L. Burmaz, Mrs. L. Hilts, Mrs. Virginia Polanski, Miss Werner, Mrs. Look, Reverend Stevenson & Reverend Maley

ABSENT: Spillenaar

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 with pryaer.

Minutes of April 12 approved by George Petts, seconded by Ralph Kullmann

Reverend Stevenson reviewed the present and possible long term parking problems and stated he had written the city requesting free parking in the parking ramp. This prompted an invitation to council meeting where they explained the difficulties of granted free parking and suggested he met with Mr. Lephart to see if arrangement would be negotiated.

Discussion followed out of which the following suggestions were made.

1. Determine what arrangements other downtown churches have made in other cities.
2. Contact the New York office to learn if they have information on arrangements other Presbyterian churches have made.
3. Since there isn't any apparent rush to finalize an arrangement we continue to request free parking. The members divided up into groups of three for sharing and prayer.

#### CHURCH GROWTH REVIEW:

1. Progress in various area of the church life was reviewed
2. Sunday School program for preparing teachers was discussed

#### KOINONIA COMMITTEE

1. Mothers Day breakfast was held with a good turnout.
2. A bowling party was held and those who attended it reported a good time.
3. Future plans call for a Hyde Park night in July to attend a baseball game.

Mr. Campbell presented the Treasurers report and pointed out that

1. Deficit has been taken care of with interest from bonds.
2. Receipts are down slightly.
3. Benevolences to Presbytery must still be paid.

A motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Bellemore that the report be accepted as presented. Approved.

#### STEWARDSHIP & MISSION COMMITTEE

M. Ellis requested guidance from the session regarding the possibility of giving the congregation an opportunity to donate to a Christian Agency for feeding the hungry of the world. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Mr. Yu seconded by Miss Werner, that the matter be tabled until Mr. Ellis can collect information on various agencies doing this type of work.

MUSIC & WORSHIP - No Report

PASTORAL CARE - No Report

CASINO GAMBLING - Reverend Maley report that he and Mrs. Hilts had attended the hearing at the Convention Center on April 26th and that the majority of those attending were in favor of allowing gambling in the city. The arguments for gambling were mainly economic. The support was strong, with a strong power base. A public referendum will like be made before gambling will be legalized in Niagara Falls.

KOREAN CHURCH - Mr. John Yu who has been our representative to the Korean Church reported on the situation there. Briefly he made the following points. The congregation has moved to the former Ellwood Presbyterian Church. They have obtained a 1 year lease on the building, will likely be given an option to purchase it. Average attendance about 180. Sunday School attendance about 60 children. Congregation families made up of 150 adults - 80 children. Church to be commissioned June 6th. Session to have 6 elders. He requested our prayers for the church. He is to be one of the new leaders and thereby will have to request a transfer from First Presbyterian.

At 10:10 it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned and Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie Ellis*  
Mr. J. Leslie Ellis-Secy., Pro. Temp.



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 2nd 198 people took communion

DEATHS NM Angelia Haubocker

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, June 6, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Werner, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Kullmann, Goddard, Wilson, Campbell, Petts, Bellemore,  
Ellis, Patch, Yu, Smith

EXCUSED: Mr. ~~Spillenaar~~ Spillenaar, Reverend Maley

ABSENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. Daggett

Immediately after church June 6, 1976, the Session held a special meeting which The Reverend Stevenson opened with prayer.

The letter from the Inter faith Housing Corporation was read concerning the new Federal Housing and Development Act for housing for the elderly. A meeting is to be held June 7 at 7:30 at St. Peter's Church.

Mr. Petts moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilson act as our representatives to the Interfaith Housing Committee meeting during the investigative phase with the power to act on our best behalf. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 12, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Werner, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Petts, Smith, Campbell, Wilson, Goddard, Daggett, Ellis,  
Bellemore, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Burmaz

ABSENT: Messers: Kullmann, Spillenaar, Patch

The June 21, 1976 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson, moderator.

Mr. Petts moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson that the following people be received into church membership:

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Mrs. Thomas Bouch (Bonnie Jean), Jane Petts

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM: Mr. Thomas Bouch, Mr. Edward J. Siever

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mary Ann Maley, Mr. Richard Ellwood, Mrs. Richard Ellwood (Jacqueline)

Then Edward Siever received Adult Baptism. At the morning service, Sunday June 27, these people will be publically received into church membership.

Elder Daggett and Jerry Nowak from the Board of Deacons presented the need for

for a loarger bus to transport older members of the congregation to church. Mr. Petts moved that since money is available in the Special Gift Fund, and there is a definite need to minister to the older people in the congregation that the purchase of the suitable bus be investigated, and one be obtained. Mrs. Hilts seconded the motion which was carried. The committee to do this is: Reverend Maley, Reverend Stevenson (ex-officio), Mr. Bellemore, and Mr. Nowak. This committee was formed upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Since the June minutes were not available, their approval was postponed until the next meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the Treasurer's report was received.

#### COMMITTEES REPORT:

##### KOINONIA:

- a. Possibility of having a baseball night with tickets purchased at a discount. The congregation is to be sounded out as to interest on the project.
- b. June 13th Choir recognition days was successful.
- c. Discussing possibility of a rollerskating party, an ice skating party, a curling evening, a Halloween party, and an Artpark evening.
- d. Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 Lordsmen Plus from Anderson College will hold a service in the church. There will be a Pot-Luck supper before the program for the church membership.
- e. Since July 4th is a Sunday, it was decided not to hold the usual evening service, but July 7 event instead, upon by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts.

#### STEWARDSHIP & MISSION:

- a. Letter has been sent to the congregation concerning payment of pledges.
- b. Reverend Billupa will have the Minute for Mission at the August 1 service and conduct the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour.
- c. Don Brown explained the list of Presbytery causes to the committee when it met.

#### PERSONNEL

The 1976 budget included \$100 for each minister for a disability income plan. Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the treasurer be authorized to enter the ministers in the salary continuation plan of the United Pres. Church. Carried.

#### PASTORAL CARE

The project has been advancing slowly but is now well underway. Presbytery delegates reported on the meeting held in Westfield.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The manse renovation is underway:

- a. Carpeting for the entire first floor, stairway, halls has been selected.
- b. Remodeling plans for the kitchen have been made. Mr. Campbell moved that up to \$4,000 for remodeling the kitchen be taken from the Legacy Fund. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.



MEMO

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Robert DeFazio and William Smith both graduated from seminary this June. Since it is the custom to present the Book of Common Worship to each graduate, Mr. Wilson moved this be done. In case of Mr. Smith who is going into the Lutheran ministry, a book for this will be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Petts. Carried.
  2. Occupancy of the Pulpit this summer
    - a. Mr. Woodberry, a returning missionary whom we help support, will be asked to speak and be paid the usual honorarium.
    - b. Students from our congregation who graduate from the Seminary will be requested to preach once without an honorarium.
  3. Mr. Reverend Maley reported on his study in Madison, Wisconsin of the Bethel Bible series which was inaugurated in our church in 1964.
  4. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Campbell reported on the Interfaith Housing meeting they attended recently. First Presbyterian Church pledged to leave its money in the committee, and will support the effort if enough churches decided to carry on the project.
  5. Mr. Wilson moved the summer Session meeting be held Monday August 9th at Reverend Stevenson's home. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.
- At 10:05 Mr. Campbell moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss Werner. Reverend Maley gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

ADULT BAPTISM: Edward Siever baptized June 21, 1976 - born July 28, 1938  
Thomas Bouch baptized June 21, 1976 - born Dec. 26, 1945

marriages: Larry E. Moore to Diana L. Sander on June 19, 1976

DEATHS: MRS. MARY (McCarter) Brown died June 20, 1976  
NM Mrs. Edith Conaway died June 27, 1976

MEMBERSHIP:

PROFESSION OF FAITH Mrs. Thomas Bouch (Bonnie Jean), Jane Petts

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM: Mr. Thomas Bouch, Mr. Edward J. Siever

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mary Ann Maley, Mr. Richard Ellwood, Mrs. Richard (Jacqueline) Ellwood

June 6th 267 people took communion.

SESSION MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 9, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell:  
Messers: Patch, Ellis, Wilson, Smith, Daggett, Reverend Maley and  
Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Messers: Petts, Bellemore, Goddard, Kullmann, Campbell, Miss Werner

ABSENT: Mr. Spillenaar

The August 9, 1976 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

The minutes for May 17, June 12, and the special meeting June 6th were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ellis.

The Session then broke up into prayer groups for 15 minutes when the Session reconvened; the following suggestions were made:

A. Grouping

1. Continue sharing prayer together - groups formed possibly for one year.
2. 3 members is a good number
3. Divide into prayer groups at every meeting; include new church members at meetings at which they are received.
4. Grouping is to be a break about the middle of the meeting.

B. Fellowship within the Session

1. Retreats
  - A. Business retreat
  - B. Separate Spiritual retreat - including husbands and wives.
2. Witness with each other
3. Recommend Christian books to read, i.e. - Colson BORN AGAIN.

In November and December there is to be a Media Campaign in Western New York entitled "Here's Life in America." The Campus Crusade for Christ runs it but it depends upon local churches for financial support, the campaign proper and the follow-up. It involves training of 2 evenings and one day to prepare for follow-up calls. Each church involved will be asked for about \$150, with local business men contributing the rest of the necessary money. It is imperative for local churches to be completely involved, and that there be an immediate response by a church to each phone call. Mr. Daggett moved our church participate in this movement, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

In discussing "Your Church Can Grow" by Wagner, the following ideas and suggestions were mentioned:

1. Bring friends to activities they would like
2. Need to be a constant witness for Christ.
3. Need for many diversified groups within the church.
4. Greeters school to train members of the 3 boards.
5. More fellowship (mixing) during the Fellowship Hour
6. Role of ushers

It was the consensus of the Session that they want to see the church grow.

September Fellowship Hour: Sept. / Mrs. Burmaz      Sept. 19 Mr. Wilson  
   Sept. 12 Mr. Wilson      Sept. 26 Mr. Goddard

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 with sentence prayers.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 4th 235 people took communion

BAPTISM: Bryan Edward Bouch born June 4-68 was baptized July 11-76  
Mitchell Scot Bouch born April 27-71 was baptized July 11-76

MARRIAGES: Mr. Gerald Banas to Candance L. Mitchell on July 9, 1976

DEATHS: Kirk Boyne NM died July 6, 1976  
Robert Britton died July 3, 1976  
Dorothy Wright died July 18, 1976

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 1st 222 people took communion

BAPTISM — Lisa M. Maley born August 8, 1975 - baptized August 15-76

DEATHS: Mrs. Carolyn (William Utley) died - August 6, 1976  
Mrs. Jane Garry died - August 9, 1976

SESSION MEETING MINUTES, September 20, 1976

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Look, Miss Mitchell:  
Messers: Ellis, Kullmann, Spillenaar, Goddard, Campbell, Patch, Bellemore,  
Daggett, Petts, Wilson, Reverend Maley, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. Smith

Reverend Stevenson opened the September 20, 1976 Session meeting with prayer.

The members then shared the highlights of their summer and how things are.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Petts, the August minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report for September 1 was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Patch.

Mr. Campbell explained the New Funding procedure of the Presbytery whereby all the churches in this Presbytery will send all of their money budgeted for Presbytery Synod and General Assembly to the Presbytery Office. By a special formula this money will be divided among the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. This the churches will pay one sum only, not several under separate headings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. KOINONIA - Mr. Wilson said a Halloween party for the adults and young people of the church is being planned for October 29. He told of the song fest in the State Park in August and the corn roast at the church park which follows.

STEWARDSHIP & MISSION: The 1976 Stewardship Calendar which runs from June 29 to December 19 was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Spillenaar, and seconded by Mr. Bellemore. It was announced that Mr. Billups has been forced to resign from the Ellicott Center in Buffalo because of health, effective November 5, 1976.

A letter from Robert DeFazio telling of his search for a pulpit was read. He requested our prayers in helping him.

The Session was then organized into new prayer groups which met for about 15 minutes.

A letter from the paper LAYMAN which offered to send free copies to all in the church was read. Mr. Daggett moved that the membership list not be sent the LAYMAN. Rather, an announcement be made in the bulletin and an opportunity be given for interested persons to sign up for it. Seconded by Mr. Petts. Carried.

Febrary 4-5 or Feb. 11-12 the Session will have a retreat lead by Howard and Grace Haines.

The Here's Life Buffalo Campaign has now been changed from Nov. 1 to March.

Mr. Wilson moved that the church have a 24 hour day of prayer from 6:00 p.m. Oct. 1 to 6:00 p.m. Oct. 2 Mrs. Hilts seconded the motion which was carried.

Reverend Stevenson gave a report on the survey of other churches as to parking on Sundays in city garages. No real help was received. When we are finally faced with the issue, there is a possibility of parking at the Niagara County Savings Bank lost and using one of the church busses as a shuttle bus.

Since William Smith III is being ordained, Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Patch that we purchased his robe as is our custom.

Mr. Campbell at the request of the Trustees moved the withdrawal of up to \$3,000 from the Legacy Fund for reparis to the manse and the church. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore Carried.

At 9:45 Mr. Petts moved the meeting be adjourned. Reverend Maley closed the Session meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 5-76 205 people took communion

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DEATHS: Martha Kay died Sept. 2, 1976



JOINT BOARDS SEPTEMBER 22, 1976

SESSION PRESENT: Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Campbell, Wilson, Petts, Spillenaar, Kullmann, Bellemore,  
Daggett, Ellis, Smith, Goddard, Patch

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mrs. Cunnick,; Messers: Dooley, Hayes

DEACONS PRESENT: Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Schultz; Messers: Tyler, Lucas, Crowell

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting of the Joint Boards, September 22, 1976 by reading a passage from Romans 12, starting at verse 9. This was followed by a prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question: How can we become a warmer church on Sunday mornings?

Presently we have: - Inquirers' Groups, Host Couples, Pastoral Care Program.

The following suggestions were forthcoming.

1. Smile
2. How to identify new people-maybe ushers could help here as well as the greeters.
3. Greeters education - few basic suggestions could be made.
4. Greeting and speaking to people as they enter
5. Speak to someone after church
  - a. A family as a whole could greet people
  - b. Have good-bye greeters
  - c. Example set by church officers
6. Ushers school
7. Have ushers stand at end of rows, not by greeters who are to be at the door.
8. Have 3 greeters in back of church
9. Use of bulleting and reminders in service to be friendly to all.

Suggestions offered by the Pastor.

1. Board members act as spotters for new people
2. Extend warm invitation to coffee hour
3. Look after these who are alone in the Fellowship Hall
4. Try to introduce new persons to other people
5. After service once in awhile may invite a newcomer to eat with you
6. Invite strangers to sit with you
7. Usher could introduce new person to those sitting in the seat.

At. 8:35 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 18, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Miss Werner, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Polasnski, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers Ellis, Smith, Goddard, Patch, Campbell, Wilson, Daggett,  
Spillenaar, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

ABSENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Messers: Petts, Kullmann, Bellemore

The October 18 1976 Session meeting opened with brief prayers for Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and a concluding prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The minutes for the September 20, 1976 Session meeting and the minutes for the September 22, 1976 Joint Boards meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Miss Werner.

Mr. Goddard moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson reviewed the Goals for 1976 which were set early in the year and made comments on how these goals have been met to date. Many good things are happening in the congregation.

The Here's Life in America program which is scheduled for March needs people with prior training to make it work. Messers: Spillenaar, Bellemore, Gibson have met to begin the work. About 12 or more people are needed to attend the first training session November 11,12,13 at the Niagara United Presbyterian Church. This nucleus will form a steering committee for our church involvement in this media program. There is a need to train 40-50 members of the congregation to answer phones and make follow-up calls. November of the programs will be introduced to the members by film and other means during the Dialogue & Fellowship Hour. There will be a second training session in January.

The Session then broke up into groups for 15 minutes.

Mr. Goddard moved that Mr. & Mrs. Howard McPhail be given a letter of transfer to First Presbyterian Church in Onenota, N.Y. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Nancy Henderson (Douglas J. ) requested her name be removed from the membership rolls. This was done upon motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Daggett. Reverend Stevenson then prayed for Mr. & Mrs. McPhail and Mrs. Henderson.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. STEWARDSHIP: The first stewardship letter was mailed today and Session members are requested to pray for the success of the campaign. The Minutes for Mission on stewardship are not scheduled until the end of the campaign in November.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings are to go to the benevolence fund. The November 21 December services will have Minutes for Mission on this subject, ~~will have~~

2. Christian Education; The subject of a more accessible place for the library books was brought up. This referred to the Christian Education Committee.

3. KOINONIA: October 29th is the Halloween Party for the whole congregation. There will be two parties: adult and children. Costumes are encouraged. The October 24th bulletin will have a flyer with details.

#### 4. PASTORAL CARE

All but 3 or 4 zones coordinators have been selected and some results are already evident.

February 4 and 5, 1977 is the date for the Session Retreat to be lead by Reverend and Mrs. Howard Haines. All Present members of the Session and their mates as well as all new members and their mates are encouraged to attend.

At (9:40 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Mr. Ellis.

Respectfully submitted:

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER-76

October 3rd 284 people took communion

MARRIAGES: Jerome H. Witkowski to Cheryl Cancer on October 23, 1976

DEATHS: Mrs. Ann Winker died October 19, 1976

SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 15, 1976

PRESENT: Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Werner, Messers: Patch, Kullmann, Ellis, Petts, Goddard, Daggett, Wilson, Treasurer Mr. Campbell

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Smith, Bellemore, Spillenaar, Mrs. Burmaz

ABSENT: Mrs. Look

Received the following new members:

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Mr. John Kane, ~~Mrs. Myra Elaine Pryor~~  
Mr. ~~James~~ Steven Davis

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM: Mrs. Myra Elaine Pryor, Mrs. Sheena Davis

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mr. Joseph Davis, Miss Sandy Hoover

LETTER OF TRANSFER: Miss Ann Baker

Session broke for prayer group.

Treasurers Report: Moved approval by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

KOINONIA COMMITTEE - Mr. Wilson reported that the seconded annual New Year's Eve Party has been planned.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Reverend Maley reported an increase in church school attendance.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mr. Goddard moved that the session recommend to the Annual Meeting that Reverend Maley's title be changed from Asst. Minister to Associate Minister. Carried.

PASTORIAL CARE COMMITTEE: Mr. Petts reported Approx. 55 church members are involved in conducting the ministry of this committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Feb. 4 & 5 Session Retreat will be conducted by Reverend Howard and Grace Haines.

February 26 will be the Session Planning Day. Mr. Campbell reported Inter Faith Housing is going to return approx. 90% of our initial seed money. The Clerk of Session is to write a letter of commendation to the Board. This motion by Daggett and second by Mr. Wilson. Carried.  
Session adjourned with prayer at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mr. C. Daggett-Sec. Pro Temp.

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 7, 1976 - 247 people took communion

ADULT BAPTISM: Sheena Jo Davis - baptized November 5, 1976  
Myra Pryor - baptized November 5, 1976

MARRIAGES: Steven Davis to Sandra Hoover on November 6, 1976  
Richard Quattrociochi to Judith Mott on November 20, 1976  
Zachary Chavers to Beverly Bellemore on November 20, 1976  
John Polley to Esther Tatroe on November 20, 1976

DEATHS: Mrs. John (Rose) Skene - died November 18, 1976

MEMBERSHIP PROFESSION OF FAITH: Mr. John Kane, Mr. Steven Davis  
REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Mr. Joseph Davis, Miss Sandy Hoover  
LETTER OF TRANSFER - Miss Ann Baker  
PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM: Mrs. Myra Elaine Pryor &  
Mrs. Sheena Davis

SESSION MEETING, December 20, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Look Miss Werner, Mrs. Polanski Miss Mitchell; Messers:  
Campbell, Kullmann, Goddard, Bellemore, Daggett, Ellis, Patch,  
Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Hilts; Messers: Wilson, Petts, Smith

ABSENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Messers: Spillenaar

The December 20, 1976 meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Minutes for October 18th and November 15th were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Goddard,  
Carried. ~~About \$5,000~~

Mr. Bellemore moved the treasurers report be received. Seconded by Mr. Goddard.  
Carried. About \$5,000 more is needed to meet the present budget and pay our obligations. \$70,697 has been pledged to date for 1977 by 276 people.

The rules for a "Permanent Endowment Fund" were discussed. Mr. Campbell moved a two-part motion: (1) that we establish a Permanent Endowment Fund, the rules of the Fund (Trustees - enclosed, Session-received at last meeting) and (2) that the Budget and Finance Committee plan to revise and update the other funds which the church already has so that there will be one plan for investments. Mr. Kullmann seconded the motion which was carried. (see page 458)

The prayer break was taken at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Here;s Life American Committee - To date 45 have offered to be involved in the training. The next training session is January 20,21,22-77. There also maybe one in early March.

2. Christian Education: (a) Book awards were not given this year in Sunday School because of the many questions about those qualified, Instead a party to be held Dec. 26. Mr. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that book awards be terminated. Carried.

(b) There is needfor more congregational help to discipline Sunday School pupils.



3. Koinonia: The New Year's Eve dinner and program plans are complete.
4. Stewardship & Mission: Reverend Stevenson wrote the fifth Stewardship letter, which was approved by Mr. Kullmann.

#### PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees and the Session of First PPresbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, New York, that a Permanent Edwoment Fund be established and administered as follows:

1. The initial corpus of the Fund shall consist of the following gifts:

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| December 1974 | 40,000.00 |
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| September 1975 | 44,300.95 |
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| January 1976 | 45,000.00 |
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2. Additonal gifts may be added to the Fund at any time either by the church or by individuals.

3. The Fund shall be invested and managed by the Board of Trustees (or a committee thereof) in a conservative and prudent manner. The Board shall establish, and from time to time may change, an investment philosophy for the Fund.

4. The income (not to include capital gains) of the Fund shall be used to supplement the regular gifts and pledges of the active membership of the church, in order to make possible a strong Christian witness in the heart of the city and to assure continuing support for the benevolences of the congregation.

5. The principal of the Fund is fundamentally intended to remain inviolate as a permanent resource of the church, and shall not be invaded, consumed, loaned or hypithecated in whole or in part, except in the event of extraordinary circumstances, upon recommendation of the trustees and approval ~~by~~ by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the session, followed by a majority vote at two successive annual meetings of the congregation.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Be sure to register for the Session Retreat, Feb. 11-12 at the Beacon Motor Inn.

2. Need to expand the greeters committee - enlist help of congregation.

3. A time of prayer before the Sunday morning worship service is to be held in the Fireside room at 9:45. Also one will be held at 6:45 prior to the Sunday evening celebration, the first Sunday of each month.

The date of the annual congregational meeting was set for Jan. 30, 1977 upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Patch.

At 9:35 the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Maley

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

## STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 5, 1976 239 people took communion

BAPTISM: George Thomas Woodley, Jr. born Sept. 16-76 - baptized on Dec. 9, 1976  
Peter Charles Dooley IV born June 7, 1976 - baptized on Dec. 26, 1976

DEATHS: Norman Duffett died December 1, 1976  
Olga Wright died December 3, 1976 - NM  
David Sterret died December 7, 1976 - NM  
Kay Proctor died December 23, 1976

SESSION MEETING JANUARY 24, 1977 (Joint Boards)Session

Present Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Mrs. Burmaz, Miss Mitchell; Messrs: Wilson, Campbell, Spillenaar, Ellis, Petts, Bellemore, Patch, Daggett, Reverend Maley and Reverend Stevenson

Excused: Mrs. Look, Mr. Goddard

Absent: Mr. Kullmann

Trustees

Present: Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Harris, Dooley, McNally, Smith, Hayes, Wynn

The Joint Session and Trustees meeting of January 24, 1977 opened with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cunnick, seconded by Mr. Dooley, the treasurers report for Dec- was approved.

Mr. Dooley then presented the proposed budget for 1977.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mrs. Cunnick that the budget be amended by deleting the \$480 for choir section leaders, and reducing the following allotments: Church supplies to \$900, curriculum materials to \$1200, nursery supervision to \$260, evangelism to \$200, bus to \$600.

Mrs. Polanski moved, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar, to amend the motion so as to retain curriculum materials at \$1500. Carried.

The motion was amended and carried.

Approval of the proposed budget for 1977 as amended was given upon a motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Smith.

At 9:00 the trustees retired to their own meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved approval of the December 1976 minutes as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Burmaz. Carried.

The role of the Koinonia weekends in the life of the church was presented by those at the Session who have attended. It was felt that not only has the individuals spiritual life been enriched, but also the individuals have become more active within the church. Many pertinent questions were asked and answered. The problem of how to reach the congregation as a whole, so that all interested might attend a weekend, was discussed. The following suggestions were made:



1. Have several people speak in a church service telling what it is, and what happens on a weekend.
2. Invite all interested people to a reunion meeting. The Committee Structure, revised, January 24, 1977 was distributed. The rationale behind it is this:
  1. Committees are half the size as usual.
  2. Committees do not have a regular meeting night.

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Anyone attending the Pot Luck Supper after the Congregational Meeting should sign up with Miss Werner or Mrs. Ellis.

Reverend Stevenson thanked the retiring elders (Messrs: Bellemore, Patch, Wilson Campbell, Mrs. Burmaz) present for their work and contribution to the Session over the last three years.

At 10:00 Mr. Bellemore moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Patch closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Clerk of Session

#### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

On Jan. 2 186 people took communion

DEATHS: George Derwood Froats - died January 24-77  
Raymond Rountree - died Jan. 28-77

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, February 6, 1977

The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York, was held immediately after the morning service, February 6, 1977. At 11:05 Reverend Stevenson called the meeting to order with a prayer.

Mrs. Virginia Polanski, chairman of the nominating committee, placed the following names for Elder: 3 year term: Richard McNally, Dominic DeFazio, Richard Ellwood, Mrs. James Patch (Peggy), Gerald Nowak, Miss Jean Hackenheimer; 1 year term: John Runals, Mrs. Michael Burmaz (Linda).

Mr. Wilson moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried.

Mr. Dooley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees presented the 1977 budget. Mr. Look moved the proposed deficit budget for 1977 be accepted. Mr. Spillenaar seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Polanski presented this slate for Trustees: 3 years: David Lucas, Mrs. J. Leslie Ellis (Dorothy), Melvin Dashineau, Robert Galliher; 2 years: Vincent Ciesielski, Daniel Flaim, Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

This slate for Deacons was presented by Mrs. Polanski: 3 years: Mrs. Walter Moore (Daisy), Miss Michelene Bellemore, Mrs. Edna Snyder, Edward Siever; 2 years: Mrs. Wray (Neysa) Hilts; 1 year: Mrs. George Sinclair (Jeanie), Norman Christie.

Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Dashineau. Carried.

Miss Mitchell presented the following motion: at its meeting on November 15, the Session voted to recommend to the congregation that our Assistant Pastor, Larry Maley, be elected Associate Pastor in this congregation. Mrs. Patch seconded it. Carried.

The following members of the congregation were nominated to serve on the 1978 nominating committee: Mrs. Richard Ellwood (Jackie), Mrs. Neil Bellemore (Mary Jane) Micharl Gibbons, Mrs. Russell Stevenson (Sherrill). Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot; seconded by Mr. Geist. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the reading of the congregational minutes for 1976 be dispensed with. Carried.

At 11:25 Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Snyder. Reverend Maley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 1977

PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Nowak, Spillenaar, Goddard, Ellis, Petts, Runals, Kullmann, DeFazio, Ellwood, Mr. Campbell, Reverend Stevenson, Rev. Maley

Excused: Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. McNally

ABSENT: Mr. Daggett

The February 21, 1977 Session meeting opened with a candlelight communion conducted by Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley.

Upon a motion by Mr. Petts, seconded by Mr. Goddard, the minutes for the Jan 24 Session meeting and Feb 6 Congregation meeting were approved with one absention.

At the organizational meeting of the new Session the following elections took place:

1. CLERK: Miss Mitchell was nominated for Clerk by Mr. Petts. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Petts, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

2. TREASURER: Mr. Campbell was nominated for treasurer by Mr. Petts. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

3. PERMANENT DELEGATES TO PRESBYTERY: Mr. Petts and Mr. Ellis  
Alternate Delegates to Presbytery: Mr. Campbell, Miss Mitchell

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

4. Nominating Committee Members from the Session: Miss Jean Hackenheimer-Chairman



John Goddard. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. Carried

5. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVES: RUSSELL LOOK, AND JOHN GODDARD. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Petts, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

Mr. Campbell explained the Treasurers Report in detail. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

The Session Planning Day is to be March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church. There is need of import from the various committees.

At this time there was a 15 minute prayer break.

There is an immediate need for a committee to be formed to study two pressing questions:

1. Work with the City of Niagara Falls on the parking problem.
  2. Investigate the simplifying or uniting of the Permant Endowment Fund and the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara restricted and unrestricted accounts.
- The committee will be made up of three members: One trustee; Mr. Tunals and Mr. Kullmann from the Session.

Mr. Goddard moved the creation of this special committee, seconded by Mr. Petts. Carried.

The motion by Mr. Ellwood seconded by Mr. Runals, that \$1,000 of the salary of each minister be designated as housing allowance was approved.

Miss Mitchell moved that the Session endorse the Presbyterian Layman's Committee Resolution on homosexuality and that they notified of this endorsement. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried, but there was one negative vote, and one absention.

Reverend Stevenson asked For name of persons in the congregation who might serve as greeters.

Mr. Ellis has give a subscription to the church library of Decision magazine.

At 9:40 Mr. Ellis moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Polanski. Rev. Maley closed the meeting with prayer.

#### COFFEE HOUR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

- March 6 - Mr. DeFazio
- 13 - Mr. Goddard
- 20 - Mrs. Hiltz, Miss Werner
- 27 - Mrs. Patch

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY

On February 6th 132 people took communion.

**BAPTISM:** Donald Edward Lewis son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lewis - born Oct-76  
Baptized on Feb. 27, 1977

Holly Lynn Howard daughter to Robert Howard & Diane Montagna, born Jan. 12, 1977 - baptized on Feb. 27, 1977

**MARTIEN:**

**MARRIAGES:** Andrew M. Wofford married Judith Anne Damiani on Feb. 24, 1977

**SESSION MEETING MARCH 21, 1977**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Patch, Miss Werner, Mrs. Hiltz, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Goddard Ellis, Nowak, McNally; Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley.

**EXCUSED:** Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Polanski; Messers Daggett, Ellwood

**ABSENT:** Messers: Spillenaar, Petts, Runals, Kullmann, DeFazio,

The March 21, 1977 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The February 21, 1977 minutes were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Nowak.

Mr. McNally moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that the Treasurer's Report be received Carried.

**CHURCH GROWTH MATTERS:**

1. Reverend Stevenson talked about the Here's Life America media campaign to bring the gospel to the people which is taking place in Western New York, starting April 4th. April 5th there will be a prayer rally for it at First Presbyterian.
2. This media campaign is to be a basis for re-establishing the calling program.
3. There is consideration to holding a Billy Graham Association Associate Evangelistic Crusade in Niagara Falls sometime next year. Only two churches are not interested.
4. Brainstorming Session goals for 1977.
  - a. 50% increase in benevolences
  - b. 10% growth in average Sunday attendance in 1977 (Fewer children are riding the busses, so to date our average attendance is slightly lower than in 1976.)

The prayer break came at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. Youth & Christian Education**

- a. Gospel Light is having a training session on Williamsville, April 14th. Sunday School teachers are being canvassed as to whether they can attend or not. There was discussion as to where and how to obtain the money to send those interested.
- b. Since book awards for attendance were eliminated this year, serious consideration is being given to reinstituting awards for memory work.

**2. Stewardship**

Each committee member has been assigned a mission project which hopefully will result in a Minute for Mission or a bulletin article so there will be an informed congregation.

**3. Letter and flyer from Friendship House were presented.**

A plan to check to see how the goals of each committee are coming along was made. There will be a report at each meeting.



UPON A MOTION BY Mrs. Patch, seconded by Miss Werner, the following names were placed on the inactive roll:

James E. Briggs  
Mrs. Gerald Caughell  
Randall Caughell  
Dr. James Dunlop  
Mrs. Arnold Hassan  
Mrs. Bernice Krauser

Michael S. Reading  
Mrs. Kathleen Reading  
Donald Scott  
Samuel Thomson  
Mrs. Annie Thomson  
Bill Williamson

Since there will be a Communion Service Maundy Thursday, Miss Werner moved, seconded by Mrs. Patch, there be no Communion Service Palm Sunday. Carried.

There will be a short Session meeting at 8:30 p.m. after the Maundy Thursday Communion Service to receive new members who will be officially welcomed during the Easter Sunday Service.

Many favorable comments have been made because at the last Communion Service, all the women wore dresses.

The difficulty of persons on crutches getting to or from cars in front of the church because of the parked busses was considered.

Young people leaving the reentering the church while service is in progress was discussed. It is felt that much of this could be eliminated if the Sunday School teachers would talk to the young people concerning this matter.

It was unofficially decided to dim the church lights during the sermon for this encourages concentration.

At 9:40 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned. Reverend Maley offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH MARCH

March 9th 184 people took communion

MEMBERSHIP INACTIVE ROLL James E. Briggs, Mrs. Gerald Caughell, Randall Caughell, Dr. James Dunlop, Mrs. Arnold Hasson, Mrs. Bernice Krauser, Michael S. Reading, Donald Scott, Samuel Thomson, Mrs. Annie Thomson, Bill Williamson

MARRIAGES: Allan G. Mubroe married Donna Kurilovitch on March 19, 1977

DEATHS: Mr. James Hamilton Park died March 5, 1977

SESSION MINUTES MEETING April 7, 1977

PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Hiltz, Mrs. Burmaz, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Spillenaar, Daggett, Nowak, Goddard, McNally, Reverend Stevenson, Runals Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messers: DeFaziom Petts: Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Patch

ABSENT: Messers: Ellis, Kullmann, Ellwood

The special meeting of the Session was held immediately after the Maundy Thursday communion. Reverend Stevenson opened with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to accept the following persons into church membership:

TRANSFER OF LETTER: Mr. Reginald Charles Harry Ewen - from Central Pres. Buffalo  
Mrs. Reginald (Agnes) Ewn from Central Presbyterian Buffalo  
Mrs. John Napoleon (Ruby) from Riverside Pres. Church Buff.  
Mrs. Russell Obneth (Alice) from Pierce Avenue Pres.  
Mrs. Iris A. Ziehl from 3rd Pres. Church No. Towanda

PROFESSION OF FAITH Mrs. Jessie Jennie Stickler  
Patricia Helena Snavely  
Cindy Helene McCollum

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Mrs. Donald L. Allen (Kathryn)  
Karen Margaret Braham  
Robin Lynn Cyphers  
Dinana Kennedy  
Yvonne Marie Ledford  
Traci Ann Ferry

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Becky Edith Cyphers  
Mrs. Irene Elizabeth Scheer  
Mrs. Roy Cassatt (Ethel Charlotte)  
Mrs. Georhe Woodley (Judy)

Mr. Daggett moved these people be received into the church membership; seconded by Mr. Runals. Motion approved.

At the Easter Sunday service April 10, 1977 they will be publically welcomed into membership.

The report was made that John Mifflin, former clerk of the Session is in Buffalo General Hospital and going to have an operation. Prayers for his recovery were requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*  
Elizabeth Mitchell

clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 18, 1977

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Burmaz, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Kullmann, Goddard, Ellis, McNally, Runals, Ellwood, Nowak, Daggett, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

**EXCUSED:** Messers: Petts, DeFazio, Spillenaar

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Patch

Reverend Stevenson opened the April 18, 1977 Session meeting with prayer.

Mr. Ellwood and Mrs. Polanski requested they be excused rather than absent from the March 21 meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. McNally, the minutes for March 21, 1977, and the Special Session meeting, April 7, 1977 were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was discussed. Mr. Kullmann moved, seconded by Mrs. Polanski, that the subject of the deficit budget be given to the Budget and Finance Committee for the purpose of offering several recommendations to solve the problem at the May Session meeting. Carried.

There is to be a joint Session and Trustees meeting in May to consider the budget and the parking problem.

Mr. Kullmann moved the Treasurers report be received. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **KOINONIA** Mr. Ellwood reported plans are being formulated for a New Year's Eve party, Church Picnic (June 26); a square dance and corn roast in Sept; a mid-summer bowling party.

#### **2. YOUTH EDUCATION**

- a. Mr. McNally reported that June 26 is to be Youth Sunday in the church as well as the church picnic day.
- b. Open House - parents and church members are encouraged to visit the primary, beginners, kindergarten classes April 24; Junior and Junior High classes May 1st.
- c. An awards system based on work and activity in the Sunday School is being formulated.
- d. Bus pupils attendance is declining. Cards are to be sent to absent pupils.
- e. Plans are being made for Fire Drills. It was suggested plans be made also for evacuating the Sanctuary.
- f. Mr. McNally moved a total of \$74.00 be taken from the Five Year Youth Fund to pay for 4 persons to attend a teacher training program. Seconded by Mr. Ellwood.

#### **3. ADULT EDUCATION**

Mrs. Polanski stated that the program for adults this session of the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour is divided into two classes: 1) Jeremiah; 2) discussion of the sermon. The next session will have only one group where members of the congregation will witness and share their spiritual experiences.

#### 4. STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Mr. Ellis reported plans have been made to have one Minute for Mission each month. Mr. Dooley will head the Stewardship appeal in November.

#### MUSIC & WORSHIP

5. Mr. Daggett passed our questionnaires to the Session which they filled in. These are to give direction and suggestions to the committee. This answering the questionnaire replaced the usual small prayer groups.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, the following members were removed to the Inactive Rolls:

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Hartman

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Fox

Because they no longer live here:

Mr. & Mrs. G. Emerson Sornberger

Dominic DeFazio

Mr. Runals moved that an additional \$1500 of budgeted salary be designated as housing allowance for Russell Stevenson and an additional \$1500 of budgeted salary be designated as housing allowance for Larry Maley. Seconded by Mr. Daggett.  
Carried.

Here's Life campaign: As a result of one week's telephone calling, some have enrolled in the Bible Studies Classes. Many are willing to answer questions. One person came to church Sunday as a result of a call.

Reverend Maley reported the Youth Fellowships are participating in a 30 hour fast to raise money for the World Vision organization. This money goes to help feed the hungry people of the world and to open the gospel to them.

At 9:10 the meeting adjourned with sentence prayers, ending a longer prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

April 3rd 267 people took Communion

BAPTISMS: Diane Kristen Vaccaro born Oct. 14-76 - daughter to Peter & Janet Vaccaro - baptized April 17, 1977

Keith Michael Cyphers born June 12-72 - son to Becky Cyphers

MARRIAGES: James DeFranco II to Paula Ann McDonald on April 30, 1977

DEATHS: Mrs. William Myers - died April 22, 1977

ADULT BAPTISMS: Kathryn Allen, Karen Margaret Braham, Diana Kennedy, Yvonne Marie Ledford, Traci Ann Ferry, Robin Lynn Cyphers -  
~~xxxxxx~~ baptized all on April 10th, 1977



MEMBERSHIP:

TRANSFER OF LETTER: Mr. Reginald Charles Harry Ewen - from Central Pres. Buff.  
 Mrs. Reginald Ewen ( Agnes) - from Central Pres. Buffalo  
 Mrs. John Napoleon (Ruby) from Riverside Pres. Church Buff.  
 Mrs. Russell Obneth (Alice) from Pierce Avenue Pres. Church  
 Mrs. Iris A. Ziehl from 3rd Pres. Church, N. Tonawanda

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Mrs. Donald L. Allen ( Kathryn)  
 Karen Margaret Braham  
 Robin Lyn Cyphers  
 Diana Kennedy  
 Yvonne Marie Ledford  
 Traci Ann Ferry

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Becky Edith Cyphers  
 Mrs. Irene Elizabeth Scheer  
 Mrs. Roy Cassatt (Ethel Charlotte)  
 Mrs. George Woodley (Judy)

Mr. Daggett moved these people be received into the church membership; seconded by Runals

INACTIVE ROLL:

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Hartman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Fox  
 The following because they moved:  
 Mr. & Mrs. G. Emerson Sornberger  
 Dominic DeFazio

JOINT SESSION TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES, MAY 16, 1977

SESSION PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Mitchell; Messers: McNally, Spillenaar, Ellis, Goddard, Runals, Nowak, Daggett; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Burmaz; Messers: Ellwood

ABSENT: Messers: Kullmann, Petts

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Harris; Messers: Lucas, Campbell

The May 16, 1977 joint meeting of the Session and Trustees opened with sentence prayers, and concluded with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Mr. Wynn presented the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the current budget deficit. The following actions were taken.

- Motion I: To recommend to the Joint Boards that the Trustees establish an energy policy to govern the use of utilities at the church.  
Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts to accept it. Carried.
- Motion II: To recommend to the Joint Boards that the Trustees explore ways to revise our utility equipment to reduce utility costs.  
Moved by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Smith to accept it. Carried.
- MOTION III: To recommend to the Joint Boards that they encourage frugality on the part of all committees and that a written communication be sent by the church office to all committee chairmen, the Superintendent of the Sunday School and the Director of Music, to save money in their expenditures wherever possible.  
Mr. Smith moved this motion be accepted; seconded by Mrs. Cunnick. Carried.
- MOTION IV: To recommended to the Joint Boards that we present to the congregation a specific figure that the church is in deficit when the Spring Stewardship letter is sent out.  
Miss Werner moved the acceptance of this motion, seconded by Mrs. Patch.  
Mr. Runals moved to amend the motion: we present to the congregation the deficit figure of upwards of \$7500 when the Spring letter is sent out. Amendment seconded by Mr. McNally. Carried.  
Motion as amended was carried with one negative vote registered.
- Motion V: To recommend to the Joint Boards that the maintenance budget figures for the church and the manse note be exceeded from O&B fund.  
Mr. Hayes moved acceptance, seconded by Mr. Lucas. Carried.
- MOTION VI: If additional repair work is found necessary, the boards then consider legacy fund money for that purpose.  
Miss Hackenheimer moved acceptance, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.
- Mr. Runals ~~moved~~ presented a report on alternatives for church parking in the future. At 8:45 the joint meeting was adjourned.
- Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak that the April 18 minutes be accepted. Carried.

The Session then had a 15 minute prayer break.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### 1. KOINONIA - Mr. Nowak reported:

- Planning a tryp to Niagara-On-The-Lake for the older members of the congregation.
- Working on a party for retarded children who will be able to invite other handicapped children.
- Planning on having spiritual prayer families each week where by the whole congregation can prau for them.

##### 2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mrs. Polanski reported:

The committee is undecided as to whether or not to hold Daily Vacation Bible School in early August. Requested prayers from the Session

##### 3. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION: Mr. Ellis reported:

- Presented the Calendar for the Stewardship Appeal for the 1978 budget.
- Mr. Ellis moved its acceptance, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

- Pastoral Care Committee members will sign the appeals letter which will be mailed in a plain envelope.



c. Mrs. Polanski moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak, that the Budget and Finance Committee meet before the end of September to draw up a realistic budget for 1978 which will be presented to a Joint Session and Trustees meeting in October. Carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr Daggett moved, seconded by Miss Hackenheiner, that the following policy concerning the Sacrament of Infant Baptism and Infant Dedication be adopted. (You have in your Policy Booklet.)

Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak, that the Bethel Certificates be presented in a church service to those who have completed the two year course Carried.

#### COFFEE HOUR:

June 5th - Mr. Goddard                      19th Mr. Ellis,  
12th - Mrs. Hilts                      26th - Mr. McNally

It was suggested that in the church bulletin the Sanctuary attendance and the Children's Church attendance be separated.

At 10:45 Mrs. Hilts moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

and  
INFANT DEDICATION

SESSION MEETING OF MAY 17, 1977

In the case of children of believers the pastors shall counsel parents that they have the responsibility of either presenting their children for baptism as infants or nurturing the children toward baptism upon their public profession of faith. (20.02 Directory for Worship) In the later case, the pastors shall inform the parents of the appropriateness of a service of infant dedication. Ordinarily, the session shall authorize and approve both infant baptism (20.02) and infant dedication.

Prior to the dedication or baptism of an infant, the parents shall be asked to attend a "Baptismal Seminar" taught by the pastors. (20.02) Parents with more than one child baptized or dedicated over a period of years will be asked to attend such a seminar once, although they may attend more than once if they wish.

In the service of Infant Baptism or Infant Dedication the parents, or one rightly exercising parental authority, shall answer the following two questions affirmatively:

"In presenting your child for baptism (dedication), do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?"

"Do you promise in dependence on the grace of God to bring up your child in the Christian faith,

teaching your child of Jesus' love,  
praying for and with your child,  
bringing your child to Sunday School to learn about Jesus, and setting an example of faithfulness to Christ and to the fellowship of your church,

to the end that your child may come to confess Jesus Christ  
as Lord and Savior?"

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

**STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:**

On May 1st 229 people took communion

**DEATHS:** Mrs. Harry Blows, died May 3, 1977  
Mr. James Conaway, died May 17, 1977  
Mr. George Thomas Pedlow - NM, died May 24, 1977

**BAPTISM:** Diana Rae Tyler - daughter to Carey & Linda Tyler - born Dec. 7-76  
baptized on May 15, 1977

**ADULT BAPTISM:** Chancellor Roberts - baptized May 22, 1977

**MARRIAGES:** Michael Boss to Mary Jane Cornish on May 21, 1977

**SESSION MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 20, 1977**

**PRESENT:** Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messers: DeFazio, Spillenaar, Nowak, Goddard, Ellis, Kullmann, McNally, Daggett, Ellwood, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

**Excused:** Mr. Runals, Mr. Petts, Mrs. Burmaz

The June 20, 1977 Session meeting opened with prayer by the Reverend Stevenson.

The following new members were received into the church upon a motion by Mr. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar:

**PROFESSION OF FAITH:** Mrs. Carmella Costanza, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith (Theresa),  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell H. Thompson (Ruth)

**REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Mrs. Judith Lynn Cyphers

**TRANSFER OF LETTER:** Dennis Gleason from Trinity United Church of Christ, Buffalo

Mrs. Costanza was received into the church membership, was not at Session because she is very ill in the hospital.

These new members are to be formally welcomed at the July 10 morning service. This section of the meeting closed with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The minutes for the May 16, 1977 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Ellwood requested his name be placed in the excused list for the May meeting rather than the absent list.



Since the treasurer is out of town there was not formal report. It was decided that the Minute for Mission on July 10 would concern the results of the request for extra money.

The Goals for 1977 were discussed as to their effectiveness to date:

1. KOINONIA

- a. A good start has been made on involving new members in church activities within two months of their joining the church.
- b. Plans are being made for a men's fellowship group for Bible Study in the Fall.

2. YOUTH EDUCATION

Held a good March meeting for Sunday School teachers. Another is being scheduled for July.

3. ADULT EDUCATION

- a. Working on starting a new Bethel Bible class in the Fall/
- b. Considering establishing an Adult Bible Curriculum.

4. MUSIC AND WORSHIP

The attendance at the Sunda Evening Celebration remains fairly constant.

5. EVANGELISM

- a. About a 10% drop in Sunday Church attendance. The Sunday School is also down.
- b. It is urgent to get a strong calling program activated. This is being done on Thursday mornings and evenings.
- c. Bible study groups are progressing.
- d. New members joining the church will be probably be 40-50 rather than the 70 planned for.

6. PASTORAL CARE

A survey is planned for Fall as to its effectiveness and accomplishments.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR SUNDAY SERVICE PARKING

A meeting has been held with City Manager Donald O'Hara, St. Mary's, St. Peter's churches were also represented. Results:

- a. Even after the January deadline parking may still be permitted behind the church.
- b. Possibility of crushed stone on a lot which will be leased to the church for a nominal fee.

A 15 minute prayer break was held with special prayers for the Leighton Ford tentative crusade in 1978.

COMMITTEES:

1. KOINONIA: Mr. Ellwood reporting:

Plans are being made to have each family of the congregation prayed for by every other family in the church at least once during the year. There are 199 family groups; 192 single member family groups. This will be done by Minute for Mission, bulletin insert and pulpit announcement. Prayer box suggested.

Suggested congregation be directed as to what to pray for.

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Suggested a brief biography of persons who are on the prayer list.

2. YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Reverend Maley reporting.

- a. The church picnic Sunday is for every one in the church

- b. This summer the Children's Church members will join in the Adult church. It is the responsibility of every member to discipline when necessary.
- c. Due to lack of personnel there will be no Daily Vacation Bible School this year.

There is a need for those who give the Minute for Missions to speak into the microphone.

Mr. DeFazio moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak that the following transfers be accepted:

James Bradford III to the First United Church of Christ, New Phila, Ohio  
 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Insalaco to the First United Presbyterian Church, Tarpon Springs, Fla.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kryway to the First Presbyterian Church, Titusville, Fla.  
 Mr. & Mrs. John McRae and Barry to Bacon Memorial Pres. Church, Niagara Falls N.Y.

Results of the Music and Worship survey made at the April 15 session meeting.

1. People like the service as it is
2. More singing - more singable hymns
3. Congregational participation is helpful

At 10:05 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Reverend Maley gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miss E. Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell-clerk of session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

On June 4th 270 people took communion

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MARRIAGES: Edward E. Alexander to Elizabeth Ann Hairston on June 25, 1977  
 George Gary Baker to Cynthia J. Tompkins on June 25, 1977

DEATHS: Mrs. Louis Simons (Annie) died June 1, 1977  
 Mrs. Harvey J. Sconce (Eva) died June 3, 1977

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

On July 3rd 203 people took Communion

BAPTISMS: Shaloin Smith - born on <sup>Feb. 2, 1977</sup> ~~July 10~~, to Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Smith  
 baptized on July 10th

Pamala Lynn Thompson - born on Sept. 24, 1976 to Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell  
 Thompson - baptized on July 31, 1977  
 Patrick Bruce Conley - born on June 25, 1977 to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce  
 Conley - baptized on July 10, 1977

MARRIAGES: Robert L. Gilbert to Kathleen Marie Kerins on July 23, 1977

DEATHS: Mrs Fereric Federlein (Enid) died July 13, 1977



## SESSION MEETING MINUTES, August 8, 1977

PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Mrs. Patch, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Nowak, Ellis, Spillenaar, Goddard, Ellwood, ~~Reverend Stevenson~~ Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Burmaz, Messer: Runals

ABSENT: Mrs. Hilts, Messers: DeFazio, Kullmann

The August 8 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Five new members were received into membership upon a motion by Mr. Spillenaar, seconded by Mr. Nowak.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Miss Mary Lou Houseman

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mrs. Barbara Lois Davidson  
Mr. Thomas Ellis

LETTER OF TRANSFER: Mrs. Patricia Ann Smith from St. Johns A.M.E. - Niagara Falls  
Mrs. Betty Jean Sheer from First Congregational - "

They will be publically received at the service, August 14, 1977

After a prayer by Reverend Maley, they left.

The June 20, 1977 minutes were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, Seconded by Mr. Ellwood.

The Session minutes for 1976 were accepted and recorded at the July 19, 77 meeting of Presbytery

Reverend Stevenson presented a midsummer :state-of-the church" report.

### NEEDS

#### 1. Not meeting needs regarding worship:

- a. Morning service is stable-major innovations unwise. Institute a regular Sunday evening service.
- b. No regular time for congregational prayer for each other and God's work.
- c. Need a regular opportunity for Sunday worship for shift workers.

#### 2. Not meeting needs regarding study.

Establish a Lay School, allowing for measurable progress in Bible study and courses to be taught Wed. eve. & Sunday in Dialogue and Fellowship Hour.

#### 3. Little evangelistic outreach as a church.

A new program, "Man to Man", is being instituted.

The Session is the key to unity in the congregation. It needs to be together and willing to lead in these projects.

Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that the Lay School, on Wed. evenings be established. Carried. It probably will consist initially of one Bethel Bible Class plus one Bible study class. The curriculum will be developed by the September Session meeting.

The question of establishing a regular Sunday evening service was discussed and prayed over. No action was taken but the matter will be considered at the September meeting.

Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar, that the church have a Day of Prayer starting Friday, September 30 at 7 P.M. and ending Sat., Oct. 1 at 7 P.M. Carried. It was decided to start the event with a celebration Friday (Sept. 30) at 7 P.M.

Clinton Daggetts' resignation from the Session because he no longer lives in Niagara Falls, was accepted with regret upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Goddard.

Coffee Hour: Sept. 4 - Miss Mitchell  
11 - Mr. Goddard  
18 - Mrs. Patch  
25 - Mr. Spillenaar

There is a need of bus drivers and leaders for the Junior Church.

There was no treasurer's report.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH AUGUST

ON August 7, 1977 206 people took communion

DEATHS: Claire A. Henry died Aug 9-77 NM

Helen Newton Graham - died Aug 9-77 NM



## SESSION MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 19, 1977

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell  
Messers: Ellis, Goddard, Nowak, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messers: McNally, Runals, Ellwood; Mrs. Polanski

ABSENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Messers: Spillenaar, DeFazio, Kullmann

Reverend Stevenson opened the September 19, 1977 Session meeting with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, the August 8 minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Patch.

The Lay School proposal was discussed. Mr. Goddard moved the Lay School Brochure be accepted/ Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

After much discussion it was agreed not to start regular Sunday evening services. It would be better to promote and emphasize the Lay School.

Men are needed to be at the church all the hours during the 24-hour prayer day, September 30- Oct. 1.

The prayer break came at this time. These subjects were to be prayed for: Lay School promotion, Day of Prayer, parking lot.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Youth and Christian Education

Because of the large number in the nursery, the facilities have been moved to larger quarters. The goal is to improve it and have it run on a volunteer basis, rather than a paid one.

2. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION

The Committee approved using form letters to be sent to the congregation. \$250. is to be spent for Stewardship literature. A letter, composed by Mrs. Polanski is to be sent to the Junior members of the congregation.

Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak, that Mrs. Fred Matthews (grace) request for transfer of membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, Fla. be approved. Carried.

Mrs. Hilts brought up the subject of Casino gambling and what is being done about it by the Ministerial Association. September 24 there is to be an open meeting about it at the First Christian Church. The public is invited. The Council of Churches is actively against gambling. Mrs. Hilts is to work on a resolution against gambling which the Session will discuss and vote on at the Oct. meeting. Then an effort will be made to get the Presbytery to support the resolution.

At 9:25 the meeting closed with prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

On Sept 4th 206 people took Communion

MARRIAGES: Bradley J. Tompkins to Virginia K. McDermott on Sept. 9-77  
 Marco Napolitano to Gail Corsaro on Sept. 10-77  
 Teofilo Carino to Marilyn Incognito on Sept. 25-77

DEATHS: Bernice M. Morris died on Sept. 8-77 NM  
 George Urspring died on Sept. 12-77  
 Margaret B. MacDonald on Sept. 4-77  
 Reginald C. Ewen on Sept. 23-77

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 2, 1977

Mrs. Dorothy Cunnick, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the Special Corporation Meeting to order immediately after the church service, Oct. 2, 1977

Reverend Stevenson offered a prayer.

Miss Jean Hackenheimer, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, placed in nomination the names of Dr. Hal Polanski and Mr. Paul Wilson to fill the vacancies on the Trustees caused because two members have moved away. As there were no other nominations, Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Ranchill, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of the Session cast one ballot for the slate.

Dr. Hal Polanski was then installed as Trustee. Mr. Wilson was absen.

At 11:10 upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

SESSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 1977

PRESENT - Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Werner, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Runals, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Ellwood, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. McNally

ABSENT: Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. Kullmann, Mr. Nowak, Mr. Spienaar

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Mr. Petts

Joint Meeting with Trustees

TRUSTEES PRESENT - Mr. Ciesielski, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Dashineau, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hayes

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting prayer

Mr. Campbell presented the Treasurer's Report and revised budget

Mr. Rice and Mr. Seymour representing the Presbytery, reported on the changes in the '78 Presbytery Budget, then departed

Mr. Goddard moved to accept the 1977 revised budget. Mr. Ellwood seconded it. Carried.



Mr. DeFazio moved that the proposed asking budget for 1978 be accepted. Mr. Ellwood moved to approve that the Trustees use up to \$6,000 from the legacy Fund to pay for 8 specified major maintenance items. Miss Werner seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved to release up to \$7,000 from the Legacy Fund to be used for the operating expenses on a loan basis to be reviewed Feb. 1, 1978. Mrs. Patch seconded the motion. One member voted negatively. Carried.

The Trustees departed.

Mr. Runals moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 9th congregational meeting and the ~~min~~ minutes of September Session meeting. Mr. Goddard seconded the motions. Carried.

Mrs. Hilts made a resolution made at the Niagara Ministerial Association Feb. 1976 in relation to the gambling issue in our community.

Mr. Runals moved a resolution that the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls is opposed to any casino type gambling operated on a local or stateside level. Mr. Ellwood seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved that the Session go on record as supporting a proposal to the Major Missions Projects Committee for a Young Life Ministry at Trott and Niagara Falls High School to be supported from the Major Mission Fund. Mrs. Hilts seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved that the Session present Mr. Robert DeFazio with a robe on the occasion of his ordination. Mrs. Patch seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ellwood seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Virginia Polanski*

Virginia Polanski-secretary-Pro Temp.

# SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

On Oct. 2 229 people took Communion

MARRIAGES: James Clark to Becky Cyphers on Oct. 3, 1977

DEATHS:

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Estelle R. Moyer died on Oct. 12-77

Elton B. Hall died on Oct. 13-77

## SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 1977

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell:  
Messers: Ellis, Spillenaar, Kullmann, Runals, Goddard; Reverend  
Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Burmaz, Messers: Nowak, Ellwood, DeFazio

ABSENT: Messers: Petts, McNally

A prayer by Reverend Stevenson opened the November 21, 1977 Session meeting.

Mr. Kullmann moved the October Session minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

Since several questions concerning the Treasurer's report could be answered, the acceptance of the report was left to the December meeting when answers will be provided. Mr. Ellis will speak to Mr. Campbell about the questions.

The Stewardship report was presented Sunday in Church.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## 1. YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

a, Mrs. Mary Jane Gibbons presented the Nursery Committee report with the following needs:

1. Necessity for cleanliness: floor, toys, linen
2. Need more room
3. Hire one paid person. All volunteer help is unsatisfactory. Young people are helping with the toddlers.
4. Rules called "LOVE LAWS FOR LITTLE ONES" have been formulated and are being posted.
5. Would like one Dutch Door from the old nursery moved to the new room
6. Desire a smoke detector
7. Desire a sign for nursery door and directions posted as to how to get to the nursery.

Mr. Runals moved that the location of the nursery be moved from the room in the Northwest corner of the basement to the room in the Southeast corner (the "green room") providing that smoke or heat detectors are installed in the organ blower room and the boiler room. Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved that a nursery helper be employed during the church hour at \$5.00 per Sunday for the remaining Sundays in 1977 and that the money be taken from the Special Gift Fund. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

The Session felt that the following items are in the province of the Trustees for action:



1. Installation of locks on both doors so that the room may be kept clean and unused for nursery use.
2. Installation of signs directing people to the nursery
3. Permission to the nursery committee to be free to decorate the room as they wish
4. Installation of a dutch door at the nursery entrance

## 2. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

A brainstorming session was held so as to help those who will be planning the appeal in 1978. Criticism concerning the content of the letters and color of the first one was voiced

## 3. KOINONIA COMMITTEE

Reverend Maley presented the recently inaugurated Couples Ministry Plan to involve young couples between the ages of 20-35 in the church. It has started with two groups of six couples each who will meet for 6 months. Then two couples will break off and start another group; they will be replaced in the original group by two other couples. These groups meet in the homes. It is not an exclusive ministry and can be applied to other age groups if and when there is a demand.

## 4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The recommendation was made to increase the guest organists honorarium from \$20 to \$40 a Sunday. No action will be taken until it is necessary

## 5. PARKING

Informally the Session agreed to have Mr. Runals pursue the remote possibility of obtaining for parking the land adjacent to and north of the church in conjunction with a business establishment on a lease basis; the church and the business sharing the lot.

Planning for the Session Retreat, February 10,11,1978.

After much discussion Mr. Runals moved to hold the Session Retreat involving the four classes (the present three, plus the outgoing) to discuss the concerns of the First Presbyterian Church at the Beacon Motor Inn, February 10,11,1978 starting at 8:00 P.M. Friday Night. After a second by Mrs. Patch, the motion was carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reading were restored to the active roll upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

Christmas Eve service will be a program presented by the choir at 7:30 P.M. Christmas only a church service will be held; no Sunday School, no coffee hour.

A committee is planning the New Year's Eve service. On New Years Day all church and Sunday School programs will be in effect.

Reverend Stevenson announced he has been nominated as Presbytery Moderator for one year.

A \$200.00 scholarship was given to Ann stratton, daughter of Reverend Charles Stratton by the Youth Education Committee. Since they neglected to present it to Session it was done so at this time. Mr. Runals moved approval of the action. seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

New rules concerning the Ordination and Installation of Elders, Deacons and Trustees have been adopted by the Presbytery. Now an elder from another congregation is to be invited to participate in the service.

Several registered their disapproval of holding Oublic Sunday Dinners at the church

December Coffee Hour:

- Dec. 4th ---Mrs. Patch
- 11th---Miss Werner
- 18th---Mrs. Hiltz
- 25---No Coffee hour

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, that non-residents who contribute to the church, in school, or in service (if they so desire ) will remain on the active list. All other non-resident members will be considered inactive, and therefore, the following are to be place on the inactive roll:

- Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Bigger
- Mrs. Anthony Dobrasz
- Mrs. John Guinther
- Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Krell
- Miss Lennie McDowell
- Mrs. Eva K. Newton
- Gregory Olsen
- Mrs. William Potter
- Mrs. Charles Stroup
- Mrs. Sherman Thomas
- Mr. Chester Wright
- Mrs. Diana Abie
- Robert Howard
- Rodney Burr
- Carried.

At 10:20 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Runals. Reverend Maley gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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| Mr. James Scott Matthews  | Mrs. Ralph E. Fisher | Mrs. Dorothy Beggs       |
| Mrs. Jennie Pines         | Mrs. Margaret Gay    | Mrs. Barbara Jean Wilson |
| Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton | Mrs. Shirley Hough   | Mrs. Marjorie White      |
|                           |                      | Mrs. Ivanne E. Williams  |
|                           |                      | Mrs. Nancy Lewis Lang    |
|                           |                      | Mrs. Anita Miller        |
|                           |                      | Mr. Duane Straps         |
|                           |                      | Mrs. Ralph E. Fisher     |

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| Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williams III | Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wynn & Family | Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Fink | Mrs. Nancy Miller |
| Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williams III | Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wynn & Family | Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Fink | Mrs. Nancy Miller |

The above will be so transferred to the inactive roll, a letter will be written to them asking them to become active in a church in their community; and



SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 12, 1977

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Miss Werner, Mrs. Burmaz, Mrs. Hiltz, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Nowak Spillenaar, Ellis, Kullmann, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson,  
Reverend Maley

Excused: Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Polanski, Messers: Runals, Ellwood, DeFazio  
Petts, McNally

The December 12 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Seven new members were greeted and accepted into membership upon a motion by  
Mr. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Spillenaar. Carried.

Reaffirmation of Faith: Mr. Richard James Bailey, Mrs. Richard Bailey (Melanie)  
Christopher Eric Jackson  
Jane Morrison  
Edward Place

TRANSFER OF LETTER: Vivian Mae Balk, M. Blanche Belin

The above new members will be received during the regular service, Sunday, Dec.  
18th

Upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Miss Werner, the November 21, 1977  
minutes were accepted.

~~The questions raised about the November 21, 1977 minutes were accepted.~~

The questions raised about the November Treasurers report were answered  
Upon a motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, they were received. The  
Dec. report was received upon a motion by Mrs. Patch, seconded by Mrs.  
Burmaz

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| The following names were transferred to the inactive roll upon a motion by Miss<br>Werner, seconded by Mr. Nowak. This will bring the rolls up to date. They are |                           |
| Miss Christine Ripple  | Miss Susan Wooley         |
| Mr. Donald Saunders  | Mrs. Laurie Welsh         |
| Mr. Gary H. Scott  | Mrs. Michael J. Reilley   |
| Brenda R. R. Saunders  | Mrs. Gretchen Brown       |
| Miss Debbie Sequin   | Mrs. Jeanette L. Clark    |
| Mrs. Barbara Jean Wilson   | Mr. Ralph E. Fisher       |
| Mrs. Marsha White  | Miss Cathy Fuhrman        |
| Mrs. Yvonne D. Willaims  | Mrs. Margaret Gay         |
| Mrs. Nancy Wendt Lang  | Mrs. Shirley Hough        |
| Mrs. Anita Klefler   | Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton |
| Mr. Duane Krepes   | Mrs. Rennie Plews         |
| Mrs. Ralph E. Marsh  | Mr. James Scott Matthews  |

TRANSFER TO INACTIVE ROLL-MOVED AWAY

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| Mr. & Mrs. Bryce Fluhrer      | Mr. Roger Hurd               |
| Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wynn & family | Mrs. Alastair MacDonald      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Flaim       | Mr. Richard D. McNally, Jr.  |
| Miss Marcy Hiltz              | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Searles III |

The above will be to transferred to the inactive roll, a letter will be written  
to them asking them to become active in a church in their new community; and

a letter will be sent to a pastor in their new area. This was done upon a motion by Mrs. Patch, seconded by Mrs. Hilts.

Mrs. Helen Saunder's name restored to the active roll upon a motion by Mrs. Hilts, seconded by Miss Werner.

After much discussion a decision upon a proposal for youth membership and right to take communion as drawn up by Reverend Maley was postponed until the January meeting.

Also the wording for the action taken upon a policy for non-resident members as voted upon at the November meeting needs rewording before placing in the Policy Booklets. Action on this was, by consent, to postpone until the January meeting.

Announcement was made of two get togethers for Elders under the aegis of Rev. Howard Haines for February 5, and/or Feb. 12.

At 10:00 the meeting closed with sentence prayers concluded by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

#### SESSION MINUTES January 16, 1978

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Polanski, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: ~~Spillenaar~~ Nowak, Kullmann, Ellis, DeFazio, Goddard, Ellwood, Runals; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

**EXCUSED:** Mrs. Patch; Messers: Spillenaar, Petts

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Burmaz, Mr. McNally

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Ellis; Messers; Lucas, Wilson, Polanski, Hayes Dashineau; Mr. Campbell-Treasurer



The Joint Session and Trustees meeting on January 16, 1978 opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Dashineau, that the time of the Congregational meeting, January 22, 1978, be 1:30 P.M. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, the Treasurers report for December 1977 was approved.

Mr. Dashineau presented the proposed budget for 1978.

Mr. Goddard moved the proposed budget be presented to the congregation. Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Ellis moved the following amendment which was seconded by Mrs. Polanski. The benevolences should be 10% of the total operating expenses, thus changing the figure for the undesignated amount to \$5,580, rather than \$5,480 as stated in the proposed budget. This would also change the deficit figure in the budget to \$999, rather than \$899. Carried.

Mr. Runals proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. Nowak. A deficit budget should be submitted to the congregation which should be thoroughly informed as to alternatives: (1) Pay the ~~morgage~~ mortgage for this year from the Legacy Fund; (2) Pay the whole mortgage and wipe out the Legacy Fund completely so that there would be not money available for the unexpected but necessary expenses; (3) include the amount needed for the payment in the budget, and the congregation work to raise it. Carried.

Therefore a deficit budget will be presented to the congregation, including alternatives, and the extra \$100 included in the benevolences of the church. Thus the twice amended motion was carried but several noted against it.

Mrs. Polanski moved the budget be voted in at the Congregational Meeting by secret ballot. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Circle 7 has given and had installed a washer and dryer which will save laundry costs of about \$100 a month. There is a plan to have perma-press cloths for dining tables rather than paper. It will also be valuable for washing the nursery sheets. It was decided upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Lucas, that Monetary gifts to be used for designated purposes in the church building shall be accepted only after approval of the purpose by the Boards of Trustees. Carried.

Again the subject of moving the nursery to another room was raised by a request of the Trustees for the Session to reconsider this more. Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Dashineau, that Mrs. Mary Jane Gibbons be requested to give her presentation at a joint Session-Trustee meeting in February. Carried.

At 9:40 the Session began their meeting.

Upon a motion by Miss Werner, seconded by Mrs. Hiltz the minutes of the December 12 1977 meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEES:**

1. KOINONIA: Mr. Ellwood reported that due to a lack of interest, the New Year's Eve plans were cancelled.
2. NOMINATING: Miss Hackenheimer reported that the slate of nominations for Elder, Trustee and Deacon is complete except for one Trustee.

The following policy for action and inactive members was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Runals seconded by Mr. Ellwood.

Since it is not possible for those who permanently move away from the area to remain active in the regular life of the congregation, the policy shall be that members who move away shall be transferred to the inactive roll according to the provisions in the Book of Order 82.15. Members in the armed forces or away at school shall be considered exceptions to this policy.

Members placed on the inactive roll remain as members on the rolls of the church, but are no longer counted in the active membership total. According to the Book of Order 82.05:

Inactive members are those who, in the judgement of the session do not participate actively in the church's work and worship. Inactive members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church except the right to take part in the meetings of the congregation and to vote and hold office therein.

Non-resident inactive members shall remain on the mailing list of the church after being placed on the inactive roll. Periodically, a letter will be sent from the church inquiring as to whether they wish to continue to receive mail. If they do, they will remain on the mailing list. It will be assumed that inactive members who continue to contribute to the church wish to remain on the mailing list.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the discussion of the policy for youth members of the church was tabled until the March 1978 Session meeting. Reverend Stevenson announced that about 65 people who have been involved in the bus program, the children's church, and Sunday school will be honored at the Annual Congregational Meeting by certificates. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, that a plaque be placed in the South entry of the church honoring the 60 years of service of the Philathea Class to the church.

The Session retreat is to be February 10-11, 1978 at the Beacon Motor Inn.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session



SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 22, 1978

The Annual Congregation Meeting, January 22, 1978 was called to order by a prayer by Reverend Stevenson. He then read part of Ephesians 4 which tells what a church is.

A motion to receive the Session Report by the Clerk of Session was made by Mr. Linn, seconded by Mr. Ranchill. Carried.

Miss Hackenheimer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Elders: Norman G. Christie (one year), Neil Bellemore, John Runals, Miss Helen Fox, William Gibson, Miss Jean McLaren, Miss Charlene Aird. As there were no nominations from the floor Mr. Dooley moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Carried. Mr. Ranchil moved, seconded by Mr. Linn, that the slate as presented be elected Elders. Carried.

Mrs. Dorothy Cunnick, President of the Board of Trustees, then called the Corporation Meeting or order. Mrs. Linn moved to accept the annual report of the Trustees, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

Mr. William Campbell, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report. Five persons made bequests totaling \$18,267.67 in 1977. Mr. Jackson moved the report be accepted, seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson presented the Budget for 1978. Mr. Linn moved the deficit budget be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Ellis. Carried. The members then voted by secret ballot as to whether to accept the deficit budhet or pay the mortgage from the Legacy Fund. The results were 59 for the deficit budget;11 against it.

Miss Hackenheimer presented this slate for Trustees: Edward VanValkinburgh (2 yrs.) Clifford Geist, Guy Wallace, Russell Look, Mrs. Bonnie Felstead. A motion to close nominations since there were none from the floor was made by Mrs. Ranchil, seconded by Mr. DeFazio. Carried. Mr. Ranchil moved the slate be elected, seconded by Mrs. Tutt. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Linn, the Corporation Meeting was adjourned.

The Board of Deacons annual report was accepted, upon a motion by Mrss. McLaren' seconded by Mr. Miller.

Miss Hackenheimer presented the following slate for Deacons: Mrs. Mildred Schmul, Thomas Ellis, Thomas Bouch, Mrs. Becky Clark. Since there were no nominations ~~xxxxxx~~ from the floor Mr. Dooley moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the nominations be closed. Carried. Mrs. Patch moved the slate be elected seconded by Mrs. Ranchil., Carried.

The Pastor's report and the Associate Pastors report were presented

The following "thank yous" were presented:

1. Philathea Class plaque honoring them for 60 years of service to the church. This will be placed in the South Front Vestibule. Mrs. Brooks accepted the plaque and gave a "thank you.
2. Certificates for service between the years 1974-76 were presented to those who have worked in Sunday School or for the busing program.

The following members from the congregation ~~xxxx~~ were nominated to serve on the new nominating committee: Mrs. Grace Crowell, Mrs. Ruth Gibson, Mrs. Evelyn Tutt, Mrs. Mona Schultz. Mr. Bellemore moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried. Mr. Bellemore moved the slate be elected, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Linn seconded by (Mr.) bud Ranchil, the reading of the minutes of the 1977 Congregational meeting were dispensed with. Carried.

A motion to adjourn by Mr. Linn, seconded by Miss Denise Bellemore, The meeting adjourned at 2:50 with prayer by Reverend Maley.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Clerk of Session-Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

#### SPECIAL JOINT SESSION TRUSTEE MEETING JAN 23, 1978

SESSION: Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Nowak, Kullmann, Ellis, Petts, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson, Rev. Maley

TRUSTEES: Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Cunnick, Mrs. Harris; Messers: Lucas, Ciesielski, Smith, Dashineau

EXCUSED: Mr. Wilson

Youth Education Committee: Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Maley

Rather than waiting until February for a Joint Session-Trustee meeting when one third of the boards will be new, a special meeting, January 23, 1978 was called to order by prayer by Reverend Stevenson. The subject was to make a final decision where the nursery should be located. At present the smoke detectors have not been installed but positive action to do so has been taken.

A complete review of why the move, what is involved, the pros and cons; the



views of Mrs. Goddard who has charge of the nursery, were presented. The report of the fire alarm installer was also given.

Mr. Petts moved to approve the occupancy of the Green Room by the nursery with the agreement of the insurance carrier. Seconded by Mr. Nowak.

The Session voted in favor of it. The Trustees do not vote on this type of matter but were present because they had requested reconsideration of the matter.

At 8:50 Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. Petts that the meeting be adjourned. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING, February 20, 1978

PRESENT: Miss Fox, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Miss Aird, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messers; Bellemore, Runals, Ellis, Christie, Nowak, Campbell (Treasurer); Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch; Messers: Ellwood, DeFazio, Petts

ABSENT: Messers: Gibson, McNally

The Session meeting on January 20, 1978, started with the annual Communion Service.

Mr. Runals moved the Session minutes, January 16; the special joint Session and Trustee meeting January 23, and the Congregational Meeting, January 23, 1978 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Neil Bellemore. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson then spoke about the Policy Booklet members of the Session have.

Miss Mitchell was elected Clerk of the Session upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer.

Mr. Campbell was elected Treasurer upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Miss McLaren.

The Permanent Delegates to the Presbytery are Mr. Ellis and Mr. Petts; elected upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mr. Runals.

The Alternate Delegates to the Presbytery are Mr. Campbell and Miss Mitchell, elected upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Miss Fox.

Mr. McNally was elected chairman of the Nominating Committee with Miss McLaren the other Session member, upon a motion by Miss Fox, seconded by Mr. Runals.

Mr. Look and Miss Fox were elected to be the representatives to the Council of Churches upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Nowak. The Treasurer is to come to the Session meetings to explain and answer questions when the quarterly Treasurer's report is prepared.

# Changes in the Session Structure for 1978

1. Fellowship Committee is the name now for the Koinonia Committee whose purpose is to promote fellowship in the congregation.
2. Senior Citizen's Programming Committee is a new committee whose purpose is to continue the bus service and promote activities for the Senior Citizens in the congregation.
3. Music & Worship Committee have the added responsibility of the new Sunday Evening Service.
4. Pastoral Care Committee is planning to restructure itself.

Since the other committees remain the same Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore that these changes and additions be accepted. Carried.

The list of appointments to Session Committees will be mailed to the Session soon.

Suggestions were give for a Publicity Chairman for the church.

The following resolution on the Sessions stand on the question of ordaining avowed practicing homosexuals; was presented by Mr. Runals; seconded by Miss Mitchell. It was carried. A copy is to be sent to the Presbytery and one is to be printed in the church bulletin.

WHEREAS, the 190th General Assembly will consider the report of the Task Force constituted by the 188th General Assembly to study homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, the majority report of said Task Force recommends that the General Assembly adopt a policy which for the first time in the history of the United Presbyterian Church would open the doors to the ordination of avowed practicing homosexuals; and

WHEREAS, that policy statement takes a moral stand on the issue by declaring that there is no moral reason why avowed practicing homosexuals may not be ordained; and

Whereas, the majority report of said Task Force by recommending the General Assembly to decide the issue on moral grounds has placed the denomination on a road leading to the establishment of full gay rights within the church, including the eventual constitutional change making it mandatory to ordain homosexuals; and

Whereas, a willingness to ordain on the part of some Presbyteries would soon mean that self-affirming practicing homosexual ministers would be entering all Presbyteries; and

WHEREAS, Scripture identifies homosexuality as a deviation of God's intention in creation, and condemns its practice as a sin; and

WHEREAS, the Church our Confession has throughout its history declared homosexuality to be a sin; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the majority report will seriously hinder the peace, unity and purity of the church, would be destructive to the effectiveness of the church, and ultimately lead to its destruction.



THEREFORE, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, New York, respectfully but empathically urges the 190th General Assembly to reject in total the Task Force majority report and adopt the minority report.

The following Session goals as established on the Session Retreat, Feb. 10-11 were adopted upon a motion by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

**GENERAL GOAL #1** Find and fold 61 people in 1978.

1. Change the job description of Larry Maley toward outreach and follow-up as follows:
  - a. making 250 calls on non-members (c. 6/wk)
  - b. setting up and heading a weekly year round visitation program
  - c. setting up 6 or 7 Inquirers Groups of 10 to 12 people in 1978
  - d. training others in one-to-one and small group follow-up
  - e. setting up and encouraging 4 more groups for young couples.
  - f. spending all together 10-15 hours per week in home visitation.
2. Invite 180 people to join an Inquirer's Group in 1978
3. Find and enlist a limited number of part-time "church visitors."
4. Invite 50 people to participate in one-to-one or small group Bible studies.
5. Set a regular schedule of monthly Evangelism Committee meetings to be attended by both pastors.
6. Continue bus ministries as they are.

**GENERAL GOAL #2:** Strengthen our fellowship and unity in 1978.

7. Begin a regular Sunday Evening Service based on a "covenant fellowship."
8. Pastors to call widely in the congregation.
9. Tackle and solve problems of distraction in the Sunday morning service.
10. Fellowship Committee to meet monthly and plan Fellowship events which will involve the congregation as widely as possible.

The designation of \$2,000 of salary each as housing allowance for Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley was permitted upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Nowak

A letter from Warren, Hoffman and Associates, Inc. our insurance representative, stated there are no objections to using the green room as a nursery.

A letter was received from Reverend Brindisi of the Riverside Presbyterian Church concerning the cost of an ad in the Niagara Gazette which would include all the Presbyterian Churches in the area and show a united front. A motion to go in with the other Presbyterian churches if at least 6 out of the 9 participate was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Miss Fox. Carried.

It was decided Easter Sunday there will be services at 10:00 and 11:15 upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. Polanski.

Coffee Hour: March 5 Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell  
 12 - Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner  
 19 Mr. Christie  
 26 - Miss Fox

Mr. Miller, Clerk of the Presbytery has requested that the September 26, 1978 meeting to be held in First Church. Miss Hackenheimer moved that it be held here providing some grapus would be willing to prepare a simple meal. Seconded by Mr. Ellis Carried.

It was informally decided that the Youth groups raise their own money for their activities.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. John T. Connor, Moderator of the General Assembly is to speak at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, April 14 after a 6:30 dinner.
2. March 17-18 there is to be a retreat for Session members and their spouses at Stella Niagara starting at 6:30, March 17th, ending Saturday afternoon. The price is \$15.00 for 3 meals and lodging. Reverend Howard Haines is conducting it.
3. The Olean Presbyterian Church burned in January. Anyone interested in sending money toward building a new sanctuary may do so.

At 9:30 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Maley

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

**SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY****SESSION MEETING MINUTES XXXXXXXXX****SESSION MEETING MINUTES March 20, 1978**

**PRESENT:** Miss Aird, Miss McLaren, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Polanski  
Mrs. Patch, Miss Mitchell; Messers; Nowak, Gibson, Christie, Ellis,  
Bellemore, Ellwood, Reverend Stevenson

**EXCUSED:** Messers: Runals, DeFazio

**ABSENT:** Miss Fox, Messers: McNally, Petts

Also present; Mr Campbell Treasurer; Mr Wilson, President of the Trustees

The March 20, 1978 Session meeting was called to order with a prayer by  
Reverend Stevenson



The February 20th minutes were accepted as read providing the Therefore section of the petition to the Presbytery be added. The motion made by Mr. Nowak seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried

Miss Hackenheimer moved Miss McLaren be appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee since Mr. McNally declined. Seconded by Mr. Christie, Carried.

The Treasurer's report of March 1, 1978 was received upon a motion by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Miss McLaren.

Mr. Paul Wilson, President of the Board of Trustees, presented the proposed fire alarm system for the church as drawn up by the Saad Sentinels of Security; Inc. Mr. Ellwood moved this plan be accepted and the \$3,900 cost come from the Memorial Fund. Seconded by Mr. Nowak. Carried.

A request has been made by Douglas Billipps to purchase the old radio-phonograph machine located in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Ellwood moved that since this a matter for the Trustees to handle, it to be given to them. After a seconded by Mr. Gibson, the motion was carried. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Campbell left at this time.

Mr. Christie and Mrs. Ellis who came especially for this presentation, showed the need for activities for the older members of the congregation since about 200 are 65. A questionnaire will be sent to all 55 or over to find out the response to organizing such a group. Mrs. Polanski moved, seconded by Miss Werner, that a Senior Citizen group under the aegis of the Senior Citizen's Committee be established. Carried.

Mrs. Ellis will direct this effort until July 1, 1978 with out compensation. Mrs. Ellis left.

A long intensive discussion of communicant and membership status for young people took place without any clear cut guidelines decided upon. At the April meeting a tentative proposal will be presented.

Upon a motion by Mrs. ~~Ellis~~ Patch, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the following membership matters were approved.

Mr. Robert Howard and Mrs. Diana Montagna, Mrs. Laura Probash were restored to membership rolls.

Maundy Thursday at 8:30 after the Service, the Session will receive new members.

An announcement was made concerning the dinner, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. for \$3.00 at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church at which the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. John Conner, will speak

At 10:25 upon a motion by Mr. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Nowak, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCHSPECIAL SESSION MEETING March 23, 1978

**PRESENT:** Miss Hackenheimer, Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Runals, Ellis Nowak, Ellwood, Gibson, Bellemore, DeFazio, Reverend Stevenson, Rev. Maley

A short special meeting of the Session was held March 23, 1978, after the Maundy Thursday Evening Service. It was convened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The purpose was to receive six new people into membership, although only were present. They are:

**LETTER OF TRANSFER:** Graydon Ray Bloom, Margaret Helen Bloom

**REAFFIRMATION** Fred Hintermeir, Laura Hintermeir, Lula Mae Johnson  
Sandra Jean Sinclair

**REINSTATED:** Laura Probash, Mr. Robert Howard, Mrs. Dinan Montagna

Each member of the Session introduced themselves. They took the membership vows.

Mr. Nowak moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, that these people be received into the membership of the church  
Easter Sunday, March 26th, 1978 they will be publically received during each of the services. Carried.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elyabeth Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell-Clerk of Session



## SESSION MEETING, APRIL 17, 1978

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Mitchell; Messrs: Ellis, Gibson, Nowak, Bellemore, Campbell (Treasurer), Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch, Messrs: Christie, Ellwood, DeFazio

ABSENT: Runals, McNally, Petts

The April 17, 1978 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The minutes for March 20, 1978 and the Special Session Meeting, March 23, 1978, were approved upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Miss Aird.

Mr. Campbell, the Treasurer, reported the fire alarm system has been completely installed. The Treasurers report was approved upon a motion by Mr. Bellemore, Mr. Campbell left.

The following motion was made by Mr. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Nowak, and approved by a 9-2 vote. Pending Mr. Runals approval, the Session is willing to discontinue the Synod of the North East Medical Plan for Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley, which supplements the Retirement Fund Medical payments.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FELLOWSHIP: Mr. Nowak reported plans for a church wide pot luck once a month to be sponsored by different church organizations. There will be a charge of 50¢ per adult, 35¢ per child to pay for rolls and beverages. People will bring their own dishes and silver. There will be an activity after dinner, sometimes necessitating a small charge. These: Fellowship at little expense. It will be held the third Friday of every month.

## 2. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

There were 25 at the organizational meeting where movies were shown after a sack lunch. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month.

## 3. YOUTH EDUCATION

No meeting held as yet.

## 4. ADULT EDUCATION

Miss Hackenheimer reported on both the Sunday School and Adult Education programs. The summer theme is to be Missionaires.

## 5. STEWARDSHIP &amp; MISSION

A meeting is planned for the near future.

## 6. WORSHIP

The Sunday evening prayer service held each Sunday of the month except the first, is informal and slowly growing. The Sunday Evening Celebration is held the first Sunday of each month. Both meet at 6:30 p.m.

## 7. EVANGELISM

Mr. Bellemore reported two meetings were held where they looked at the goals set at the Session ~~Report~~ Retreat in February. At the second meeting all the Boards of the Church were invited to meet with the committee for input. The plan is to visit all non-members who attended church on a Sunday as soon as possible, and welcome them. During the present term of the Dialogue Hour there is a class where people can learn how to present the gospel.

A 15 minute prayer break came at this time. Reverend Maley and Miss Hackenheimer left.

A long discussion was held as to when youth are ready to commit their lives to Christ, take communion, and join the church as an adult member. There is a need to recognize a person or youth or child who has accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Also there is a need to educate youth before they are permitted to take communion; maybe in a service when they have been prepared as to the meaning and purpose of communion. The third need is to educate a person more so he or she can become an adult member joining the church. All these things must be tied into recognition of the child's initiative; the Sunday School teacher's recognition and recommendation.. Probably the child's needs could be best served on a one to one instruction to test his understanding.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. May 6 there will be a bus trip visiting the Mission Projects of the Presbytery.
2. July 28 - August 5 the New Wilmington Missionary Conference at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. will be held to enroll one to become an interpreter of missions.
3. Few from the church attended the meeting with Moderator of the General Assembly.
4. The Presbytery voted against ordaining homosexuals
5. No decision has been made concerning the ad in the Gazette for the Presbyterian Churches.
6. Rules for the use of the church facilities is not in the Policy Book Table of Contents

At 10:15 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



SESSION MEETING May 15, 1978

PRESENT: Miss Werner, Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Patch, Miss Aird, Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Mitchell; Messrs: Ellwood, Ellis, Bellemore, Runals, Nowak, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messrs: Gibson, Petts, DeFazio

ABSENT: Miss Fox, Messrs: McNally, Christie

Prayer by Reverend Maley opened the May 15th, 1978 Session meeting. Reverend Maley was moderator in place of Reverend Stevenson who is attending the General Assembly in San Diego.

The following persons were received into membership of the church on a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried.

TRANSFER OF LETTER: Martha McMahon - Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Olive May Irish - Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Jennifer Isler - Grace Calvary Church

PROFESSION OF FAITH Laura Elizabeth Bernat  
William Russell Jackson  
Glory Elizabeth Jackson

Miss Werner moved the approval of the minutes for the April 17, 1978 Session meeting. Mr. Ellwood seconded the motion. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the Treasurer's Report for April 1978 was accepted as submitted.

Reverend Maley read the Session goals for 1978 and commented on each.

1. Find and fold 61 new members. To date 14 have joined although more have attended the Inquirers Groups.
  - a. 28 calls on non members have been made from older files.
  - b. Weekly visitation
    1. About 3 families are visited each week
    2. Tuesday evening several teams call upon those non-members who have attended recent services.
    3. Six Inquirers Groups are planned for 1978
    4. Training others in one to one follow-up.  
This has been postponed due to the Leighton Ford Crusade in late November and early December
    5. Four or more couples Groups. In June there will be 4 groups from the original 2.
    6. 10-15 hours per week are spent on visitation
    7. There are 4 part-time church visitors
    8. Bus ministry is continuing.
2. Sunday evening prayer group service is held each week except the first Sunday of the month which is the evening of the Sunday Evening Celebration.
3. Pastors call widely in the congregation. About 3 or 4 calls are made each week.

4. The distractions in the Sunday service are being rectified.
  5. Fellowship committee meets monthly. The third Friday of each month is set aside for food and fun events for the whole congregation.
  6. A ministry for older members is well underway.
  7. The Session recognizes the need for evangelism, the roots of which are now being established. Need to make the congregation aware of the needs. In the Fall the members will be primed for the Leighton Ford Crusade.
- 10 minute prayer break was taken at this time.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Stewardship & Mission

Mr. Ellis presented the proposal for the 1978 canavas . About 150 people are needed to call October 22 in the congregation and leave the pledge card.  
Mr. Ellis moved the Canavas 1978 be accepted; seconded by Miss Hackenheimer.  
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| Before Sept. 11  | 1. Prepare one page sheet describing "Loyalty Sunday"  |
|                  | 2. Prepare enlistment member list  |
|                  | 3. Prepare a list of group meetings, which a member of S&M Committee would attend and say "Would you help us in this?" |
| Sept. 11 Monday  | Enlist Trustees  |
| Sept. 18 Monday  | Enlist Session   |
| Oct. 2 Monday    | Enlist Deacons   |
| Sept. 11-Oct 5   | Enlist people by groups  |
| Oct. 5 - Oct. 10 | Enlist by phone others of congregation   |
| Oct. 9 Monday    | 1. Letter to congregation re: Loyalty Sunday requesting they be at home 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Oct. 22                 |
|                  | 2. Joint Boards meet to draft proposed budget  |
| Oct. 22 Sunday   | LOYALOTY SUNDAY  |
|                  | 1. Sermon on "Giving"  |
|                  | 2. Visit congregation - preceeded by luncheon and instruction  |
| Oct. 23 Monday   | Make Calls to those not at home on Sunday  |
| Oct. 29 Sunday   | First report to congregation   |
| Oct. 30 Monday   | Mail pledge card to those missed   |
| Nov. 5 Sunday    | Seconded report to congregation  |
| Nov. 6 Monday    | Final appeal - letter and pledge card  |
| Nov. 12 - Sunday | Third report to congregation   |
| Nov. 19 Sunday   | Final report to congregation   |

2. The World Vision program for feeding the poor was presented. After much discussion Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the church not participate in any other fund raising events at this time. Carried.

#### 3. PERSONNEAL COMMITTEE

a. Mrs. Scott is retiring July 31, 1978 after 15 years of service in the office. There is a need to review the work she has been responsible for before hiring someone else.

b. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore that the previous policy for substitute organists and choir directors (6-17-74) be changed for 1978 only to the effect that an orgainst be paid \$30 on a summer choir Sunday, and \$40 on a regular



Sunday (which includes a Thursday rehearsal) and that there will be no compensation for a substitute choir director. Carried.

c. Mr. Runals moved that the Synod of the N.E. Medical Plan be dropped and the for the balance of 1978 the church issue a quarterly check to the pastor and associate pastor equal to the amount being paid; ie. \$70.50 to Reverend Stevenson; \$88.17 to Reverend Maley. Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried. The Personnel Committee will review the options and make suggestions at the time of the annual salary review.

#### 4. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Miss Hackenheimer announced the following courses will be given through June 18 during the Fellowship and Dialogue Hour. GENESIS - taught by Reverend Maley and Mr Runals.

THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH - Mrs. Polanski  
and Reverend Stevenson

September 27, 1978 will be the date of the Lay School awards dinner.

Mr. Ellis suggested the Riverside Church be sent a congratulatory letter in honor of its 50th anniversary.

Miss Mitchell moved the LAYMAN be sent to the members of all the Boards of the church.

Miss Aird has offered to tune the church pianos free in 1978 only so as to free money budgeted for it for other needs of the music group. The Session feels this is a very generous offer.

The suggestion was made that when naming the greeters in the Sunday bulletin, the wives name also be given; i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John (Debbie) Smith.

COFFEE HOUR      June 4: Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer  
                    June 11: Mrs. Patch  
                    June 18  
                    June 25: Church picnic - no coffee hour.

At 9:45 Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Miss McLaren, Mr. Ellwood closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell

#### SATISTICS for the month of MAY

SESSION MEETING, June 19, 1978

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Patch, Miss Werner, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messrs: Ellwood, Christie, Bellemore, Nowak, Gibson, Ellis, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Messrs: Runals, McNallu, Petts, DeFazio

Reverend Stevenson called the June 19, 1978 Session meeting to order with a prayer.

Mr. Ellwood, moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the May 15th 1978 minutes be approved. Carried.

Upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mrs. Patch the June 1978 report was accepted.

The proposed policy change concerning Membership for Young people and the sacrament of Communion was thoroughly discussed. Upon a motion by Miss Werner, seconded by Mr. Nowak, the following policy was adopted.

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

A young person who desires to assume the responsibilities of active church membership as an adult member of the congregation should express his or her desire to one of the pastors as early as upon into the 9th grade. Each year a class will be offered to any young people in Grades Nine through Twelve which will be about 10-20 session in length. The content of the class includes answers to questions such as: What is a Christian? How do I maintain a daily relationship to Jesus Christ? How do I share my faith? What do the Sacraments mean? What are the basic foundations of the Presbyterian Church?

Upon completion of the class participants will be examined by the pastor received into membership at a session meeting on the basis of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and commissioned at worship service as active members of Christ's Church.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(delete the sentence beginning with the words "Children in the church..." and add the following).

Baptized children in the church who have come to personal faith in Jesus Christ and desire to participate in the Sacrament of Lord's Supper should express this desire to one of the pastors. The Pastor will then guide the child through a simple process involving three steps.'

1. The child will enter a waiting period of not less than six months in which the pastors, the parents and child's Sunday School ~~teacher~~ teacher will seek to prepare the child for communion and evaluate the child's sincerity and understanding of the faith.
2. The child will be instructed in the meaning of the Lord's Supper.
3. The child will be publicly welcomed as a communicant in a regular communion service.

A prayer break was held at this time with all joining in.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Hackenheimer reported that the eight Summer Dialogue Hours will be an outreach and a non credit course. Each week there will be a different speaker.

2. YOUTH EDUCATION: Mr. Gibson reported that Mr. & Mrs. Dom Dianca are donating the hot dogs and beverage for the Sunday School picnic Sunday. Several Session members volunteered their services for various activities.

3. Fellowship Committee: Mr. Nowak reported a very successful June congregational evening. The July program, according to Miss Aird is to be a lemonade social and barbecue.

~~4. EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Mr. Nowak reported a very successful June congregational evening. The July program, according to Miss Aird is to be~~

4. EVANGELISM: Mr. Bellemore reported teams are going out Tuesday afternoon and evening. Recently there have been seven decisions for Christ. A follow-up is being planned.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Reverend Randy Rice from Korea will preach and conduct the Dialogue Hour July 9.

2. Mrs. Dorothy Scott, after working 15 years in the church office, is retiring. During the Fellowship Hour, July 23, she will receive special recognition and a gift.

3. The Staneslows are moving to Arizona and Mrs. Violet Carlton is moving to be near her son. A note is being sent to the Staneslows concerning the pleasure the cone trees they made, give to the congregation.

4. The Ministers will tell the Session when they are to be away.

7 5. It was suggested the Session minutes be posted in the Fellowship Hall, and a note to this effect be placed in the church bulletin. Miss Fox made a motion to this effect be placed in the church bulletin. Miss Fox made a motion to this effect, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer. Carried.

6. Miss Fox moved a committee be formed to look into the matter of printing the bulletins more reasonably with Mr. Ellis as chairman. Seconded by Mr. Christie. Carried. Other Session members appointed to the committee were Mr. Ellwood and Miss Hackenheimer.

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8. There seems to be consistency in having a church notice in the Saturday Gazette.

9. THE JULY MEETING WILL BE AT THE STEVENSON'S HOME.

10. Saturday, Jly 15th at 7:00 A.M. Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley and several Session members have been invited to a work breakfast at the Park-minister Church

At 10:00 Mr. Bellemore moved adjournment, seconded by Miss Fox. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

#### STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



## SPECIAL SESSION MEETING August 13, 1978

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Patch, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Polanski, Messrs: Ellis, Nowak, Ellwood

EXCUSED: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Runals, Mr. Bellemore

ABSENT: Messrs: Petts, McNally, Christie, Gibson

A special Session meeting was convened August 13, 1978 at 9:30 with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

The following people were received in church membership upon a motion by Mrs. Patch, seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

By Reaffirmation of Faith:

Mrs. Jean Livermore

Mrs. Henrietta McInnis:

Miss Cynda Ann Pellegrino

Mr. Charles Edward Croisdale

By Profession of Faith

Mr. Paul Alan Chettleburgh

Mrs. Kathellen Joan Chettleburgh

Mrs. Ernest Piper

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Mr. Ernest Piper

Miss Roxanne Renee Smith

BY TRANSFER OF LETTER

Mrs. Joy Dixon - From Riverside Presbyterian Church, NF., N.Y.

Mrs. Cora Stella Cummings - Zion Lutheran Church "

Nr, Mark Charles Croisdale - Exley Methodist Church, Wilson, N.Y.

Closed with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

## JOINT BOARDS MEETING (SESSION) SEPTEMBER 17, 1978

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Miss Aird, Miss Werner, Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs.

EXCUSED: Nowak, Runals

ABSENT: Miss Fox; Messers: Geist, Lucas, Wilson, Look, Hayes, Ciesielski,  
Mr. William Campbell, Treasurer.

A Joint Session and Trustees meeting, September 17, opened with a number of brief prayers and closed by Reverend Stevenson.

Upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the Treasurers report for August was received.

Mr. Wilson moved the proposed budget presented be the asking budget for 1979. Mrs. Polanski seconded it. Miss Aird moved an amendment that the organ and piano item be increased to \$300. Mr. Gibson seconded it. Carried. The proposed budget for 1979 as amended was accepted.

Mr. Ellis, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, said that on October 8th teams of 2 people each will call upon 6-7 families each in the congregation to talk about the church leave the pledge cards which should be returned to the church either in person or by mail.

Members of both Boards agreed to serve.

At this time (8:30) the Trustees left for their own meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Patch, the Session minutes for July 24 and August 13th were arrpved.

A discussion of the revised "Sacrament and Ordinances" pamphlet was held. Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Miss Werner, the revised pamphlet was held. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~,  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Carried.

According to the Consitution, the Session should approve of infant baptisms since this sacrament is an act of the congregation but performed by the pastor. A good discussion followed which indicated the feelings of the Session memebbers as to criteria for such approval.

The bus program needs drivers badly. Also callers are needed. It was decided to bring this situation to the congregation through the Bulleting and Minute for Missions. Miss Werner moved, seconded by Mrs. Patch, that since this is an emergency situation the ministers will take turns driving one bus. Carried. This subject will be re-considered at the October Session meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 1. Sunday School - Mrs. Polanski

- a. Fire lanes must be maintained in the dining room during church services.
- b. To help evacuate the baby nursery in case of a fire, it was suggested the Senior High class be moved nect to the nursery to help if an emergency arose during Sunday School. However, this whole problem is being refered to the Youth Education Committee for further study and recommendations.

## 2. Communion - Mrs. Patch - People who serve should, if possible, help clean up after communion.



Consideration of the Presbytery Salary Policy has been postponed until the October Session meeting.

The Presbytery has requested an hour at the October 16 Session meeting for the presentation of the Major Mission Fund drive.

The resignation of Dominic DeFazio from the Session was accepted with regret upon a motion by Mrs. Patch seconded by Mr. Gibson. Mr. DeFazio is now living in Calif.

Mrs. Blanche Belin has requested Reverend Stevenson to hold a service in the church, October 15th, 8-8:30 a.m. for the delegates to a Secretaries conference. Miss McLaren moved permission be granted; seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

At 10:15 Mrs. Patch moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Reverend Maley closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

#### OCTOBER 16, 1978 Session Meeting

PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Mrs. Patch, Miss McLaren, Miss Aird, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Nowak, Ellwood, Ellis, Bellemore; Mr. Campbell Treasurer, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messers: Runals, Petts, Gibson, Fox, Christie

ABSENT: Messers: McNally

The October 16, 1979 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

The following persons were received into membership upon motion by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mrs. Patch.

#### BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. Anthony Colosi

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mr. & Mrs. John Gravanti (Karen)  
Donna Elaine Karcz

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Geraldine Frails  
Rene Michelle Ladouceur

They will be publically welcomed into the church Sunday, October 22.

Mr. Howard Olds and Mr. Ralph Robertson presented slides and factual material concernin the Major Mission Fund which campaign will be held during Lebt, 1979. Many area projects will be aided by this fund. A goal of \$650,000 has been set by the Presbytery. of Western New York. The Session will decide on the goal for the church. Payments on the threee year pledges will start June 1979.

Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Mrs. Patch, that the Session minutes for the Sept. 17, 1978 meeting be accepted. Carried.

Since the third quarter has ended, Mr. Campbell presented the treasurers report and answered questions. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, the report was received.

Reverend Maley requested the Five Year Youth Fund be dissolved since so little remains in it and a new account, the Fellowship Account, be set up so that the Youth might be responsible for managing their own funds. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Patch, a motion to dissolve the Five Year Fund with any remaining balance to be applied to the expenses of the (bus) program, was carried.

Also a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, to set up a separate church Youth Fellowship Account for money earned by the youth to be supervised by the Minister and Youth Advissros, was passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Nowak, that the following changes in membership be made. Carried.

1. Mrs. Linda Hurd transferred by letter to the Parkway Presbyterian Church, Parker, Fla.

2. DELETION: Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Vaughn - no address  
Jamie Pittman - requested removal from the rolls.

3. INACTIVE ROLL

Mr. & Mrs. Bryce Fluhrer - moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Mona Schultz - moved to Maryland

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic DeFazion - moved to VanNuys, Calif

Mrs. Violet Carlton - moved to Delaware

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gibbons - moved to Fla.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gardner - moved to Akron, N.Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hilliard III - moved to Lockport, N.Y.

4. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that Mr. & Mrs. James McIntyre be received upon a transfer of letter from the Lewiston Presbyterian Church. Carried.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Patch that another year the pledge cards be presented individually upon the alter during a service. It makes the pledge more meaningful and significant.



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Mr. Ellis reported upon a distribution of pledge cards by Elders, Trustees, Decaons, and Reverend Maley. Many people appreciated the call from a church member.

Reverend Maley reported on the drive for bus drivers. There a 3 new volunteer drivers which makes apotential of 4 (includes Mr. Bellemore) More are needed.

Reverend Stevenson announced the Presbytery is going to hold a one day meeting to discuss how to reach indifferent members.

The Sunday School needs two helping aids, not teachers.

It was decided to hold a no genda Session meeting, November 4, 8:00 A.M. so that ideas for shepherding the congregation and other ideas might be dealt with and that the Session become better acquainted. These meetings probably will be held monthly.

The Presbytery proposals for ministerial salaries were discussed and an informal vote was taken on each one.

At 10:35 Mr. Ellwood moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Rev. Maley closed the Session meeting with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER





COFFEE HOUR - Dec. 5 weeks

Dec. 3rd - Jean Hackenheimer, E. Werner

Dec. 10th - Jean McLaren & Elizabeth Mitchell

Dec. 17th - N. Christie

Dec. 24th Helen Fox


Dec. 31 Ellwood & Gibson

No agenda in Nov. - Dec. period.

Morning announcement period to be held before call to worship and reduce the handshaking to once a month, but not on communion Sunday.  
Moved seconded & carried 4-3.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Respectfully submitted



Rev. Stevenson - secretary pro temp.

*John E. Runals*

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

#### SESSION MINUTES    December 18, 1978

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Miss Aird, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Werner, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Nowak, Ellis, bellemore, Runals, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Polanski, Mrs. Patch, messers: Gibson, Petts, Christie, Ellwood

ABSENT: Miss Fox, Mr. McNally

The December 18, 1978 Session meeting opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

After informal introduction Miss Werner moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the following be received into the church as new members:

#### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MRS. RUTH LoTEMPIO

MR. JEAMES THEODORE CLARK

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

MR. Harry Gordon Priester

Mrs. Victoria Lucille Priester

They will be publically received into membership during the service on Dec. 31, 1978.  
Reverend Maley offered a prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Miss Werner, the minutes for the November 20, 1978 Session Meeting were accepted

The Treasurer's report for November was approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

After lengthy discussion Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Miss Werner, that our church participate in the Mahor Mission Fund campaign. Carried.

A motion by Miss Hackenheimer, seconded by Mr. Nowak, stated that the Stewardship and Mission Committee designate several options for the placement of fund we pledge to the Major Mission Fund, and report at the January Session meeting. Carried.

There was a short prayer break in which the Session as a whole participated.

Miss McLaren, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported there were candidates for each position to be filled.

One of the churches two antique chalices was loaned over a year ago. Miss Werner moved we request Colonial Village Presbyterian Church to return this cup by March 1, 1979. Seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

The Session felt our church should appear each week in the Gazette's Church News, not just sporadically as a present. Reverend Maley will see the notice is given to the Gazette long before the deadline.

Miss Aird reported the pianos are tuned with the exception of the one in the basement.

A letter from Don Brown thanking the church for hosting the November Presbytery Meeting was read.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Tom Hilliard and Bryce and Pearl Fluhrer were dropped from the membership roll because they have pointed churches in other cities. Miss Werber moved their dismissal, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

Joan & Edward Van Valkenburg and Son (James) have transferred their membership to a church in North Tonawanda.

Upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, they were removed from the church roll.

There was an informal report of the Joint Youth Retreat for young people from St. Peter Episcopal Church our church at the Stella Niagara Retreat Center, Dec. 15, 16 1978. A total of thirty-nine young people attended the retreat.

At 10:00 Mr. Nowak moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss McLaren. Reverend Maley then offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session



SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1978ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING    January 28, 1979

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Falls, Inc. opened with a short worship service conducted by the Senior High Fellowship at 2:40 P.M., January 28, 1979. Reverend Stevenson presided/

Mr. Dashineay moved the report of the Clerk of Session be received; seconded by Mrs. Felstead. Carried.

Miss Jean McLaren, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Elders:

For 3 years terms: Mrs. Janet Bianca, Mr. Roger Crowell, Dr. John Goddard, Mr. Fred Hayes, Miss Leslie Phillips, Mr. Paul Wilson;

For One Year Term: Mrs. Norma Kullmann, Mr. Keith Spillenaar.

Mr. Robertson moved the nominations be closed; seconded by Mrs. Ewen. Carried. Mr. Robertson moved the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate, seconded by Mr. Dooley. Carried.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Wilson, Preside of the Board of Trustees, who called the Corporation meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, the President's report was accepted.

Mr. Campbell presented the Treasurer's report for 1978. Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Runals, that the report be received. Carried.

The Budget for 1979 was presented. Mr. Look moved it be received and adopted, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Carried.

Miss McLaren presented the following slate for Trustees:

For Three year Terms; Mr. Graydon Bloom, Mrs. Ruth Ginther, Mr. Ralph Robertson, Mr. Carey Tyler; for one year term; Mr. Kenneth Neil.

Mr. Dooley moved the nominations be closed seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate; seconded by Mr. Place. Carried.

The Corporation meeting was declared closed. Reverend Stevenson took the chair.

Mr. Crowell moved the Deacons Report be accepted; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Miss McLaren presented this slate for Deacons:

For a Three year term: Mrs. Blanche Belin, Mrs. Irene Bennett, Mr. William Chettleburgh, Miss Mary Lou Houseman. For a One Year Term Mr. Leslie Ellis

Mr. Runals moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Dashineau. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Ginther, seconded by Mrs. Felstead, the Pastor's report and the Associate Pastor's report and the Associate Pastor's report were received.

Reverend Maley shared slides of highlights of the 1978 activities throughout the church.

Mr. Robertson, a member of the Presbytery Committee for the Major Mission Fund, reported on the purpose and use of the monety to be raised: 30% will go to the National projects; 30% to International projects; 20% to the North East Synod; 20% to the Local Presbytery. The campaign will be conducted during Lent, 1979. Dr. John Goddard is the chairman of the Major Mission Fund for First Church.

The following members of the congregation were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mr. Loren Skinner, Mr. Peter Dooley, Mrs. Juanita Look, Mrs. Russ Runals.

Miss McLaren moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Carried. Mr. Wilson moved the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the nominees, seconded by Miss Bellemore. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson closed the Congregational meeting prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session



JOINT BOARDS 1/22/79

SESSION: PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss McLaren, Miss Fox, Miss Werner, Miss Aird, Mrs. Polanski, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Runals, Ellis, Ellwood, Nowak, Bellemore; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch, Mr. Christie

ABSENT: Messers: Gibson, Petters, Christie

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mrs. Ellis,; Messers: Hayes, Lucas, Wilson, Dashineau, Mr. William Campbell, Treasurer

EXCUSED: Mrs. Felsted, Mr. Wallace.

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson opened the Joint Boards meeting January 22, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Treasurers report for January was accepted by a unanimous motion.

Mr. Campbell presented the 1979 projected budget. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations for the 197 budget be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved this part of the meeting be adjourned and the Session and the Trustees hold their separate meetings. Seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

At 3:30 the Session meeting began with a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Runals, that the December 13 Minutes be approved. Carried.

There was a prayer break at this time during which many needs of the church and individuals were mentioned.

Mr. Ellis said his committee presented the following recommendations for our Major Mission Campaign thrust:

1. No. 373: Financial assistance for black seminary students at the Johnson C. Smith seminary.
2. No. 003: Sustain and expand Artic Slope Ministry
3. No. 907: Transition House in Buffalo for men leaving prison
4. No. 905: Ministry with the elderly; the Presbyterian Homes to offer counselling service to churches and pastors in this area.

Mr. Ellwood moved the adoption of these projects; seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved that we pledge to the best of our ability based on the benevolency of the congregation, to raised \$2,000 over a 3 year period for each of these project. The total to be raised is \$3,000. Seconded by Miss Helen Fox. Carried.

Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, that Reverend Stevenson ask someone to be our chairperson for the Major Mission Project. Carried.

Reverend Maley reported:

1. Sunday School needs a superintendent. An Experiment is to be tried with 3 coordinators, one each of the following divisions: Pre-school, primary, youth (Junior and Senior Highs)

2. Requested guidelines for preaching outside the church. Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that Reverend Maley has permission to preach one Sunday a month outside of First Church. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood feels the Session needs more time for prayer and Bible reading than it has had in the past.

Mr. Richard McNally submitted his resignation from the session because of the press of business and his frequent absences from the city. Mr. Runals moved the resignation be accepted with regret; seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

Miss Hackenheimer announced the theme for the Summer Sunday Adult Classes will be "It is a small world."

A motion designating \$2,000 of the salary of each minister as a supplementary housing allowance was made by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, that the Christian Education Committee give Ruth Ellen Stratton \$200 in the scholarship funds for 1979. Carried.

Reverend STEVENSON spoke of the time in St. Louis recently when 150 Presbyterian ministers from all over the United States met and listened to and discussed these 4 papers:

1. The New Ecumenism - we are slow in relating ecumenically to Christian churches and organizations which are not those of the "Mainline" churches.
2. Evangelism and Missionary Tasks of the Church.
3. Equipping a congregation for ministry
4. Need for a revitalized church in the 1980's Need for a denomination - wide program with emphasis in the Holy Spirit and the Parish.

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Bellemore moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Nowak. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Elizabeth - Clerk of Session

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

#### STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

On January 7 264 people took Communion

DEATHS: Mrs. Max (Almira) Currier died Jan 12, 1979



SESSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 1979

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Aird, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Hayes, Runals, Bellemore, Crowell, Spillenaar, Gibson, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Messers: Goddard, Ellwood, Nowak

The Session met February 19, 1979 for an organizational meeting which began with a candle light communion. After the service, the regular meeting began with a welcome to new Session members by Reverend Stevenson who explained the policy booklet.

Mr. Runals moved the treasurers report for January be received and filed; seconded by Mr. Gibson.

Upon a motion by MR. Wilson, seconded by Miss McLaren, Mr. Campbell was elected treasurer.

The following positions were filled:

1. Mr. Spillenaar moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the permanent Delegates to Presbytery be Miss McLaren and Mr. Crowell. Carried.
2. Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Runals, that the Alternate Delegates to Presbytery be Mr. Ellis, Mr. Campbell, Miss Mitchell. Carried.
3. A motion by Mrs. Patch, seconded by Mr. Wilson, nominated Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Kullmann for the Nominating Committee. Carried. Mrs. Kullmann is to be the chairman.
4. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Gibson were nominated by Miss Fox, seconded by Mrs. Bianca, to be our representatives to the Council of Churches. Carried.

#### SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR 1979

The number of committees has been reduced from 13 to 9 because some are no longer needed; the work of others have been incorporated into other committees. There to be a least two session members on each committee.

1. Fellowship: Mr. Nowak, Miss Phillips
2. Youth Education: Mr. Gibson - Chairman, Miss Aird
3. Adult Education: Miss Hackenheimer - Chairman, Mr. Bellemore, Miss Mitchell
4. Stewardship and Mission; Miss McLaren - chairman; Mr. Goddard, Mrs. Bianca
5. Personnel: Mr. Wilson - Chairman, Mr. Runals
6. Communion: Miss Fox - Chairman, Mrs. Kullmann

Prayer to dedicate the set apart Session members to their tasks follows:

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Major Mission Fund
  - a. Dinner, March 16, 6:30 P.M. - \$2.50 - adults - \$1.75 children 11 and under
- Speaker: Audley McLain
- b. Minute for Mission - - each Sunday in March.
- c. March 25 - service minister Reverend Alex Wilson - former missionary to the middle East.
- d. Arctic Slope fund pledged completely, so we are replacing it with money for the Massair Tribe in Kenya.

Upon a motion by Mr. Crowell, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, these plans were approved.

2. Mr. Wilson moved the Council of Churches be permitted to hold their annual Ash Wednesday service at the church. Seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.

3. Only one service on Easter

4. Presbytery Risk Evangelism Program. Mr. Wilson moved we invite people from participating churches to speak to the Session at the March meeting to tell of their experiences in Risk Program. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

5. Mrs. Dorothy Ellis to continue as the Director of the Rainbow Club for 1980 upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, Carried - seconded by Mr. Wilson.

6. Mrs. Patch moved the approval for baptising Brittany Blanchard, and Karcz twins, Heather and Shannon. Mr. Crowell seconded the motion. Carried.

7. Mr. Runals moved a \$20,000 endowment fund be established named the Permanent Youth Program Fund (An Endowment gift has been given for this proposal) Seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

8. Mrs. Patch moved Angela Amrosia name be erased from the roll; seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

9. Coffee Hour: March 4 - Mr. Spillenaar; Mrs. Patch  
11 Miss Fox - Miss Phillips  
18 - Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell  
25 - Mr. Wilson

10. Mr. Spillenaar questioned the Trustees refusing Mr. Hardenstein a room each week for the service.

The refusal was made because no information had been included with the request, and he was unknown to the Trustees.

A "No-Agenda Meeting" will be held March 5 (Monday at 3:00 P.M.)

At 10:20 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Runals, Rev. Stevenson gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1979

On February 4, 177 people took Communion

DEATHS: Mrs. Russell (Bessie) Mulholland - died Feb. 5th  
Mrs. Gottlieb (Margaret D.) Flick - died February 14,  
Mr. Ralph Dorner - died February Feb. 16  
Mr. Platon Collipp - died Feb. 17



## SESSION MEETING MARCH 19, 1979

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Aird, Mrs. Patch, Miss Phillips  
Mrs. Bianca, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers; Nowak, Hayes, Reverend Stevenson  
Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Runals.

Reverend Stevenson called to order the March 19, 1979 Session meeting by reading  
Like 11 starting with verse 5. After comments, this was followed by sentence  
prayers.

Reverend Alex Wilson, Asst. Executive of the Presbytery presented information concern-  
ing the Risk program which began about 1970 in the Synod of Pa. Everything  
was going down (membership, money, Sunday School etc.) After examining successful  
churches they found one common factor - risk. What is now called Risk is a process  
not a program. Its key words are in Scripture: (1) Koinonia - fellowship or  
renewal as they used it, meaning renewal of a church; (2) Diaconia - service;  
(3) Kerygma - proclamation, preaching. These are now call Thrust 1,2, or 3 and  
contain many options which may or may not work. Some options are short, others are  
in a year. Some of these options pays 20¢ per active member each year. There is  
to be Risk Retreat, May 11-12. The training day is April 29, Sunday afternoon.  
The Fall kickoff will be Sept. 21st with Sunday Evening supper. It was informally  
decided to think it over and discuss it at the no agenda meeting. Mr. Ellwood,  
Mrs. Patch, Miss Phillips, Mr. Spillenaar were appointed as a task force of 4 to  
look at what is going on in the church upon a motion by Miss McLaren seconded  
by Miss Fox, and carried.

Mr. Goddard moved the minutes of the Feb. 19, 1979 meeting be approved; seconded  
by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Patch, seconded by Mr. Nowak, the the Treasurers report was  
received. The good news was that the church has received a check for about  
\$9,000 from Niagara Mohawk for overbilling since the remodeling.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## 1. STEWARDSHIP &amp; MISSION

a. Mr. Goddard reported the dinner for the Major Mission Fund kickoff,  
Friday March 16, was moderately successful.

b. Sunday, March 25, Alex. Wilson will preach on "The World Mission of the  
Church." During the service envelopes with material on M.M.F. and a pledge card  
will be passed out. These will be sent to those not attending the service. It  
is desired to have the pledges in before Easter.

Mr. Wilson moved thanks be give to Mr. & Mrs. Bianca for putting on the  
dinner. Seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

## 2. Youth Education

a. There is a real need for more bus drives. After many ideas were presented  
Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Youth Education Committee  
take stock of program and make both long and short term recommendations.  
These persons from the Session, Mr. Nowak and Mr. Hayes, were added to the committee  
for this consideration only.

b. There is a need for a 2 way radio so the busses can help each other.

c. The bus program is very successful.

The no- agenda meeting will be April 2 at 8:00 P.M.

A sign-up sheet for communion was passed around and some of the problems were talk about.

Mr. Willis McManigle because of disinterest, and Mrs. Thomas Parry because she has moved out of town, were moved to Inactive list upon a motion by Mr. Goddard. seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Beverly Chavers to tell the Session about the Discover weekends for youths in grades 4-6 which have been held in our church under her leadership

Elders undoubtedly will be more involved in these three areas of the church formerly:

1. Church services
2. Inquirers' Groups
3. Devotions at Session meetings.

At 9:45 Mrs. Patch moved the meeting be adjourned seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Rev. Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted;

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell - Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

On March 4, 199 people took communion

#### MEMBERSHIP:

INACTIVE ROLL: Mr. Willis McMangle

Mrs. Thomas Parry

#### BAPTISMS

Shannon Elizabeth Karcz - Baptized March 11

Heather Igran Karcz - Baptized - March 11

Brittney Alaine Blanchard - March 11

#### SESSION MEETING April 16, 1979

PRESENT: Miss Phillips, Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Bellemore, Goddard, Runals, Spillenaar, Wilson, Gibson; Reverend Stevenson, Mr. Campbell

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Hayes, Crowell, Ellwood, Nowak, Reverend Maley

The April 16 Session meeting opened with devotions led by Mr. Wilson and Miss Phillips who read a selection from Romans 8:1-15. This was followed by individual prayers.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the March 19 minutes be accepted. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. YOUTH EDUCATION - Mr. Gibson moved the following proposals concerning the busing program be accepted, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

a. April 22, 29 there will be immediate appeals for four drivers to each will drive twice a month.



b. The tow ministers are not to perform regular driving of busses; only if extreme emergency arises, effective September 1979. Upon a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Miss Aird, the following problems are to be referred to the Trustees:

1. Need to section off the lights in the nuersery.
2. Children's coat rack is a hazzard - a change is needed.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Mr. Wilson announced that Mrs. Schulz would like to take four hours off Friday afternoons for 9 weeks in the months of July & Aug. instead of week's vacation. This is agreeable with the ministers. Reverend Stevenson announced the following vacation and study leave plans:

Reverend Maley: April 16-22 vacation

April 23-27 Study leave to attend Young Pastors conference in Washington D.C.

Reverend Stevenson: May 21-25 Vacation

May 30 - June 1 - Study leave to attend a church growth conference in Schnectady.

3. M M FUND - Mr. Goddard - As of Easter (April 15) 40 pledges Totaling \$10,030 have been received. Mr. Runals moved that any excess over the designaged \$8,000 be referred to the committee for a report as to use, designated or undesignated. Seconded by mr. Wilson. Carried.

4. MEMORIAL FUND - Miss Mitchell - The Trustees wish to purchase 72 chairs at \$698.04, the monety to come from the Memorial Fund. Mrs. Patch moved the authorization of the use of this money with the provision all chairs be permanently marked as Property of the First Presbyterian Church. Seconded by MR. Gibson. Carried.

5. COMMUNION COMMITTEE - Miss Fox - thanked all who are participating in preparing serving and cleaning up after communion.

RISK Evangelism Program was considered. The general feeling was that we should not join RISK at this time. We are already doing many of the things and have a number of other commitments for our time.

Pastoral Care Involvement for the Session was presented by Reverend Stevenson. It means getting in touch with the people in the congregation. Since time is needed to think about it, the Session decided to discuss the issue at the No-agenda meeting May 7 before a decision is made.

The Trustees have proposed using the Niagara Mohawk Power Co .rebates of \$9,291.82 which is now invested, earning 9½% interest, to pay off the church debt at the end of the year. Mr. Goddard moved to have the money invested for the time being, and the request be tabled until the November Session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, Carried.

At 10:00 Mrs. Patch moved adjournment, seconded by Miss Fox. After individual prayers, Reverend Stevenson gave the closing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

On April 1st, 222 people took Communion

DEATHS: Mr. Albert S. Bacon Jr. died - April 16  
Mrs. Bruce Siverling - died April 16 NM  
Mrs. Evan (Carrie T.) died April 17 - NM

## SESSION MEETING, May 21, 1979

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Phillips, Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Gibson, Nowak, Bellemore Ellwood, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch; Messers: Crowell, Goddard, Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Messers: Runals, Spillenaar, Hayes.

Reverend Maley called the May 21, 1979 Session meeting to order by reading passages from I Timothy: Jeremiah 45: Mark 10 on Christian leadership and what it means to give oneself in selfless service. This was followed by prayer

The minutes of April 16 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mr. Ellwood.

Mr. Wilson moved the Treasurer's report be received, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

After much discussion on the Pastoral Care through Fellowship Groups, Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Session begin to implement the proposal for session involvement in pastoral care. The Roll call vote was Yes-7, No -1 Abstain 4. The work will begin with groups already organized, then go beyond to work with others who are not already involved in a group.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ADULT EDUCATION: Miss Hackenheimer announced that June plans for the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour. The summer program is completed and will cover such varied subjects as Missions, Holy Land, Vietnam, Africa.

2. YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mr. Gibson moved the request of the Niagara Falls Ministerial Association to hold its annual Sunday School Institute at First Presbyterian Church, March 14, 15 1980 be granted. Mr. Ellwood seconded the motion. Carried.

## 3. STEWARDSHIP and MISSION

a. Miss McLaren said to date 45 pledges totaling \$11,060.00 for the Major Mission Fund have been received. In the Fall a decision as to the placement of the unallotted amount of \$3,060.00 will be made.

b. Mr. Leslie Ellis is the chairman of the 1980 Stewardship campaign. Three letters will be sent. October 21 is the Stewardship Sunday November 4 is to be the Sunday to dedicate the pledges. At the same time as the Stewardship Campaign Mrs. Bellemore and Reverend Maley are planning to conduct such a campaign in the Sunday School.



c. The Stewardship and Mission Committee is planning a Missionary Conference at our church on the weekend in September, which will include a missionary speaker delivering the Sunday sermon. Details are being worked out with the Reverend Alex. Wilson and will be announced later.

4. COMMUNION: Miss Fox solicited helpers for the June 3 communion.

The Trustees requested the transfer of \$375.00 from the Building Fund to pay the Greenspire Landscaping Service to resod the lawns. Miss McLaren moved this request be honored; seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that inserts for Bread and world "Offering of Letters", a vote against hunger, be placed in the Church Bulletin soon. Carried.

A tally was made of accommodations promised for housing the Oakcliff Pres. Church Choir from Texas Saturday night, June 9th.

COFFEE HOUR: June 3 - Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Fox, Mrs. Patch  
June 10 - Miss Phillips  
June 17 - Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell  
June 24 - Mr. Ellwood.

A request has been received from Judy and George Dudley of Merritt Island, Fa, to sing at a Sunday evening concert, July 29, at the church. The service will include a free will offering. It was unofficially decided to suggest another date since July 29 is not a good time for many who probably would attend.

Miss Fox moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, that the following children be baptized June 3: Donald M. Sinclair; Carl R. Davis, Steven M. Davis, Jr. Larry E. Maley. Carried.

Miss Aird moved the Senior Highs be permitted to hold a Communion Service on a Sunday evening in June with one of the ministers officiating. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

The suggestion was made that about the middle of the Session meeting there be a 5 minute break to stretch.

At 9:50 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Mr. Gibson have the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell - Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH May

On May 6th, 239 people took Communion

#### DEATHS:

Mrs. Jack (Mary Jane) Malloy - died May 8

Mrs. James (Marion) Kruger - died May 28 - NM

SESSION - NO AGENDA MEETING

June 4, 1979

PRESENT: Miss Phillips, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Bellemore, Runals, Nowak, Hayes, Goddard, Ellwodd, Crowell; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Miss Hackenheimer, Mr. Wilson

ABSENT: Miss Aird, Messers: Gibson, Spilleannr

A no-agenda meeting was called to order June 4, 1979 with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Bellemore that the rules be suspended and a regular meeting be held. Carried.

The following new members were introduced:

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Mrs. Roger Blanchard (Patricia)

Mrs. Edward Place (Georgette Lee)

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Edward Moore (Diana)

Mr. & Mrs. Donald William Sinclair (Mancene Emaline)

James M. Scott

Linda J. Glover

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mrs. James Munro (Joanne)

Mrs. Flora DeFranco

Mr. Runals moved these people be accepted into membership. Seconded by Mr. Ellwood Carried.

At the Sunday service, June 10, these people will be welcomed by the church members during the service.

Sentence prayers were given followed by one by Reverend Stevenson.

At 8:45 Mr. Runals moved the formal meeting be closed, seconded by Mrs. Patch.

The no-agenda session then followed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

On June 3rd, 230 people took communion

MEMBERSHIP: Profession of Faith Mrs. Patricia Blanchard, Mrs. Edward Place, Mr. & Mrs. Larry E. Moore Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sinclair, James M. Scott, Linda Glover

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Mrs. James Munro, Mrs. Flora DeFranco

INACTIVE ROLL Mr. & Mrs. Keith Spillenaar

BAPTISM June 3, 1979 - Lawrence E. Maley, Steve M. Davis, Jr., Carl R. Davis, Donald M. Sinclair

DEATHS

Mr. Wray Hiltz - died June 10, Mr. Cyril Millington - died June 1, Mrs. Alex Wilson  
Died 11



## SESSION MINUTES, June 18, 1979

PRESENT: Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Aird, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Phillips, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Gibson, Wilson, Crowell, Ellwood, Goddard, Bellemore, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Nowak

ABSENT: Mr. Runals, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Soillenaar

The Session meeting for June 18 was opened by Miss Hackenheimer, leading the devotions, followed by sentence prayers.

The minutes for May 21, 1979 and June 4, 1979 were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson that the Personnel Committee consider the possibility of recommending an increase of around 30% in the staff mileage allowance until the end of the year. Carried.

The Treasurer's report for May 1979 was received upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Session Pastoral Care: The Pastoral Care committee is being formed. Each Session member will be approached about the work.

## 2. Nominating Committee

Mrs. Kullmann presented the following slate to be presented at a Special Congregation Meeting July 1, 1979

DEACONS: Peggy Geist to replace Becky Clark

Darlene Hiller Naccarato to replace Mr. T. Ellis

Evelyn Tutt to replace Mary Lou Houseman

TRUSTEES: Walter Moore to replace Graydon Bloom

Mike Burmaz to replace Kenneth Beil

## 3. Youth Education

a. Mr. Gibson moved the materials for the Sunday School, all grades be changed from Gospel Light to David C. Cook, starting September. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

b. Janet and Dom Bianca are donating the hot dogs rolls and drink for the Sunday School Picnic.

c. Mr. Maley moved the following youth members be moved to the inactive roll of the church: Donna Baker, Mary Ellen Ricuitt, Yvonne Ledford, James Laterneau. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

## 4. Communion

Miss Fox asked for people to sign up to serve and clean up after communion for July 1 and August 5th.

Reverend Stevenson gave a report as to where we are as a church.

a. U.P.U.S.A. - membership is shrinking - about 46,000 per year. The church needs to take in 10% of its membership each year in order to grow.

- b. The Presbytery of Western New York took in 4.6% of its membership last year - less than the national average.
- c. First Presbyterian Church took in 6.3% of its membership - slightly better than the national average and that of Western New York.
- d. Spiritual growth within a congregation correlates with numerical growth. First Presbyterian Church has opportunities for spiritual growth for members of all ages: Rainbow Club (older members); Young Couples Groups; Nurture Group are starting; plans are being made to help the two Young Adult groups grow and a Young Adult Sunday School Class.

5. The church is in a unique position. It is the center of the Urban Renewal in a city where 1 in 4 is retired; or young couples live there who are in the 20-35 year age bracket. Also there are many in Niagara Falls who do not know Christ - there is room for evangelism! Many of the congregation live in the suburban area, so must travel distances to come to church.

Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Miss Fox that the chairperson of the Session Program Committees and Personnel Committee be formed into a planning committee to consider our situation and report to the Session periodically. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood suggested that the Niagara Falls Council of Churches hold a ½ hour ecumenical service before each of the summer concerts or programs which are held throughout the city.

Keith, Jane and Sandra Spillenaar re resigning as members of the church. Mrs. Patch moved seconded by Miss Hackenheimer that their names be deleted from the church roll. Carried.

The Trustees have requested a change in their rules concerning quorum requirements which will be that a majority of the Trustees serving shall constitute a quorum.

Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that a call be issued for a Special Congregational and Corporation meeting, July 1, 1979, immediately after the service for the purpose of

1. Election of Trustees
2. Change in Trustees Quorum requirements
3. Election of 3 Deacons

Carried.

Reverend Stevenson is having a study leave June 24-29, 1979

Summer Session meetings

1. Informal evening at the Stevenson
2. Regular stated meeting in August

Suggestions

1. Thank you be placed in the church bulletin to people who took choir members from Texas into their homes.
2. The Saturday prayer meeting isn't just for men.

At 9:40 Mr. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mr. Crowell, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Reverend Maley gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell-Clerk of Session



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING July 1, 1979

The Special Congregational Meeting, July 1, 1979 was held immediately at the close of the regular church service and was convened by Reverend Stevenson with prayer.

Mrs. Kullmann presented the following slate for Deacons:

Class of 1981 - Mrs. Evelyn Tutt

Class of 1980 - Mrs. Darlene Naccarato

Class of 1980 - Miss Peggy Geist

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

Mr. Robertson opened the Corporation Meeting.

The following slate was presented for Turstees:

Class of 1979 - Mr. Michael Burmaz

Class of 1981 - Mr. Walter Moore

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

The following amendment was adopted:

Article IV, Paragraph 7 of the By-Laws for the Trustees: "A majority of the Trustees serving shall constitute a quorum" instead of the present: "seven trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING JULY 15, 1979

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Miss McLaren, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Patch, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Runals, Wilson, Crowell; Reverend Maley

Reverend Maley called the Special Session Meeting to order July 15, 1979, by prayer.

Permission to baptize the child of Larry and Diana Moore, July 22nd at the morning service, was granted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

There being no further business, Mrs. Bianca moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss McLaren.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Sesion

SESSION MEETING AUGUST 20, 1979

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Miss Hackenheimer, Messers: Hayes, Nowak, Ellwood, Patch, Bellemore

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell, Miss Aird, Miss Phillips; Messers: Wilson, Crowell, Wilson, Runals

ABSENT: Miss Fox, Messers, Gibson, Goddard

Opening prayer was led by Reverend Maley

Welcoming new members. David McMahon and Candice Banas after introduction of attending Session members. Candy was born in North Carolina; was married in First Presbyterian Church. Husband name is Jerry. David's wife Robin has been a member here. Motion to accept new members by Mr. Patch, seconded by Jean Hackenheimer. Carried.

Approval of minutes was motion by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Janet Bianca. Carried.

Treasurer's approved by and motioned by Mr. Patch. Seconded by Neil Bellemore.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL TRANSFER -  
INACTIVE

Mrs. Lola Cawker

Mr. & Mrs. David George

David George, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gleason

Miss Michelle Hiller

Mr. & Mrs. Daryl McCoy

Mr. & Mrs. James Milne

Leslie Milne

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Robinson

Mrs. Marie Naill

Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Wigie

Mrs. Thomas Parry

Mr. & Mrs. George Liersch

Letter has been sent to them, card sent to local church introducing them. Moved by Neil Bellemore, seconded by Janet Bianca. Carried.

TO RESTORE

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wynn & Family

Motion to restore by Mr. Patch, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.

TRANSFERRED

Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Daggett - to Wilson Episcopal Church. Motioned by Mr. Patch. Seconded by Mr. Hayes.

INACTIVE LIST

Rod Shumway

Chancellor Roberts

Transfer to inactive list (In Town)

Motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

DELETE FROM ROLLS

Miss Ann Baker

Motion by Mr. Patch and seconded by Gerry Nowak. Carried.

Information received from Gideon's Int'l who distribute bibles in prisons, hotels, that they will be having convention in Niagara Falls in October. Request made to supply Gideon speaker available to First Presbyterian Church Oct. 14 with free will offering. Receipts would be used to purchase scriptures. A 5-minute time limit would be placed on speaker. Motion to allow speaker and



offering on 10/14 was made by Miss Hackenheimer, seconded by Janet Bianca.

The Stewardship & Mission Committee advised Session, through Janet Bianca, of refugee needs from Uganda. Receipts would be used for education. This appeal has been approved by Presbytery. Also, Reverend Stevenson knows one of the organizers. October 7 would be pledge Sunday. Motion to allow appeal was made by Neil Bellemore and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.

Request from Treasurer of \$68.34 from Memorial Fund for folding chairs. Motion to transfer funds and make payment was by Mr. Patch and seconded by Miss Jean Hackenheimer. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONELL: Per minutes of 7/1/79 of Committee.

Recommendation to pay a substitute organist \$30.00 on a summer choir Sunday and \$40.00 on a regular Sunday (which includes a Thursday rehearsal) and that there be no compensation for a substitute choir director. Motion to approve by Mr. Ellwood and seconded by Janet Bianca. Carried.

Car Allowance adjustment referred back to session. Received and filed for 1980 budget deliveries.

STEWARDSHIP & MISSION. Missionary Conference Weekend sponsored by Roverside, Pierce Ave., Youngstown Presbyterian and our church to be held on Sept. 28-30. Schedule includes Friday Evening - Roast Beef Dinner, - Sat A.M. - Men's Contintal breakfast; Lunch - bring own; evening - reception at Manse. Sunday - Sermon; Young peoples program; evening Program at Lewiston Presbyterian Church.

PASTOR CARE - Lists of groups were pased out showing leaders and members.

YOUNG COUPLES GROUPS - Included in Pastoral Care List was a list of Young Couples who belong to or somehow related to our church. Reverend Maley described this a fruitful ministry.

A picnic was held at church 8/18 for nearly 20 young couples to introduce this program. Currently (5) groups are organized or soon will be starting.

A Young Couples and singles Sunday School Class will begin in Sept. A retreat will also be schuled in thenear future.

Adjournment - Motion by Mr. Patch and seconded by Mr. Nowak. Carried.

Neil Bellemore Closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR JULY, 1979

On July 1, 1979 190 people took communion

MEMBERSHIPINACTIVE

Mrs. Lola Cawker

Mr. & Mrs. George

David George, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gleason

Miss Michelle Hiller

Mr. & Mrs. Daryl McCoy

Mr. & Mrs. James Milne

Leslie Milne

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Robinson

Mrs. Marie Maill

Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Vigue

Mrs. Thomas Parry

Mr. & Mrs. George Liersch

RESTORE

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Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Daggett - Wilson Episcoal Church

INACTIVE LIST

Rod Shumway

Chancellor Roberts

DELETE FROM ROLLS

Miss Ann Bakerd

BAPTISMS Shaane Louise Moore - baptized - July 22, 1979

Amanda Lee Banas - baptized - July 29, 1979

DEATHS:

Mrs. Mary Poorman - died July 3

Mr. Oscar Ellis, July 6

Mrs. James McCall - July 22

Mr. Hare Scott - died July 27

STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1979

On August 5 195 people took communion

BAPTISMS: none

DEATHS: Mr. James Linn - died August 30



SESSION MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 17, 1979

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Miss McLaren, Miss Fox, Mrs. Dianca, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Phillips, Miss Mitchell, Messers: Goddard, Hayes, Wilson, Crowell  
Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Kullmann, Messers: Nowak, Ellwood, Bellemore, Runals

ABSENT: Mr. Gibson

Reverend Stevenson opened the September 17, 1979 Session meeting with prayer.

The Session members then told one highlight of their summer.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Miss Hackenheimer, that the August minutes be approved.

Miss McLaren moved the August Treasurer's report be received, seconded by Miss Fox.

Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE - Reverend Stevenson - Reverend Stevenson told of this committee's deliberations on the opportunities available to church members for active participation in church affairs. Particularly discussed was the need to revamp the usher squad - - , getting more new members of the congregation involved. Also the need to show people to seats, especially strangers. New members also could become greeters. Then new members of the church could then become more involved in the church.

2. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION - Miss McLaren

a. Miss McLaren moved the date for the Gideon presentation be postponed until further notice. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Carried.

b. World Wide Communion Sunday Uganda Collection must be in envelopes so designated. Special envelopes will be provided.

c. Mission Weekend.

Friday - Sept. 28 dinner speaker has been changed.

Sat. Sept. 29 - breakfast - very few men have signed up to date.

Sat. Sept. 29 luncheon needs more people to participate.

Places are needed for missionaries to stay; also transportation for them in important. Mission is what the church is all about - reaching out to people.

This is one weekend when there is an opportunity for the whole congregation to act together.

3. PASTORAL CARE

Meetings of the groups have started.

4. BUDGET & FINANCE

The budget will be made after the Stewardship Campaign, thus eliminating several meetings which are not too necessary.

5. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. Wilson moved \$200.00 scholarship loan be granted. Timothy M. Devine who is starting the Master of Divinity program at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. It was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.

The prayer break included prayers with special emphasis on the Missionary Conference Weekend and the Pastoral Care Groups.

The Memorandum of Understanding re: The Rainbow Club, First Presbyterian Church promulgated at a August 4 meeting was discussed and clarified for the Session. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Memorandum be accepted. Carried.

Vacation and Study leaves:

1. Reverend Maley - Sept. 24-30 a third week of vacation.
2. Reverend Stevenson - Sept. 30 - Oct. 6 - Study leave.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Committee is interviewing the staff members concerning next year.
2. There is consideration for calling a special General Assembly meeting in November to amend the constitution of the church so that a group withdrawing from the church cannot take the church property with them when they leave. Such a change could be finalized at the 1980 General Assembly meeting. A decision of the Supreme Court has necessitated this move.

At. 9:25 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Maley then offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1979

On September 2 134 people took communion

#### DEATHS:

Lena Mae Winter - died September 19, 1979



SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 15, 1979

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss McLaren, Miss Fox, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Goddard; Mr. Campbell Treasurer; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch, Miss Hackenheimer; Mr. Runals (present for opening only): Messers: Hayes, Gibson, Crowell, Ellwood, Bellemore

Reverend Stevenson opened the October 15, 1979 Session meeting with short readings from II Timothy and Acts. Then he showed the interrelation of the two passages. This was followed by prayer.

Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, that the September 17 Session minutes be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Campbell, the Treasurer, presented the monthly report plus the 3/4 of the year report. Mr. Goddard moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Mr. Nowak. Carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRUSTEES

1. A letter by Mrs. Ginther was read which stated Mrs. Offenhauser would like the church to purchase music with a bariton solo in it to be used as a memorial for Mr. Linn. She will pay for the music and would like the music remain church property. Mrs. Kullmann moved this gift be accepted, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

2. The Trustees have received an offer of \$300.00 to sell the Storey and Clark babygrand piano which is not needed. Miss Fox moved the piano be sold for \$300.00. Seconded by Miss Aird. Carried.

3. Transfer of Funds: In order to insure the church at 90% value it is necessary to transfer \$1200.00 from the Legacy Fund. This is pro rated for 8 months. Since the Trustees have settled on the amount, Mr. Nowak moved the money come from the Legacy Fund; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

a. Miss McLaren spoke of the success of the recent missionary weekend. The over run from meals was \$70.90, not quite enough to pay for the folders.

b. The Uganda Campaign - good

c. The Stewardship & Mission campaign is on schedule; the first mailings to be this week. Reverend and Mrs. Maley were thanked for the large banner they made for the church for this campaign.

Reverend Stevenson thanked Miss McLaren for the careful plannings of the details for the Missionary weekend. This type of weekend was conceived by Alex Wilson. Many comments concerning the weekend were then made by the Session.

##### 2. PERSONNEL

Mr. Wilson reported that soon this Committee will submit its findings and recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

##### 3. COMMUNION

Miss Fox needs help in preparing the communion.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. LOVE Canal . Reverend Maley reported on the Love Canal situation. Reverend Stevenson is to find out what First Church can do to support the Home Owners Association and the Residences for Permanent Relocation Committees.
2. 1980 SESSION RETREAT: After much discussion it was felt that it would be good to have a retreat which would include members of all the boards.
3. Mr. Cook who is running for Mayor requested Reverend Stevenson to prepare a 60 second radio spot to support his candidacy. Since this action might involve the whole church, it was decided Reverend Stevenson should refuse the request.
4. PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Since 5 members of the church plus Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley are already on Presbytery Committees, it was decided not to submit names.
5. USHER SQUAD: Someone is needed to get people from the conegation to usher, set up teams, and oversee this activity.
6. Miss Aird brought up the subject that at present we have a standard fee to pay a substitute organist, but the substitute choir director does it gratis. The Personnel Committee is already working on this subject.

At 9:55 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss Phillips. Reverend Maley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1979

On October 7th 220 people took communion

DEATHS:

Mr. Lewis F. Smith died Oct. 10

Mr. Louis Eperyes died Oct. 17

Lillian P, Meeker died Oct. 30



SESSION MEETING NOV. 19 1979

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Miss McLaren, Miss Phillips, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Aird, Miss Mitchell; Messers; Gibson, Hayes, Wilson, Goddard, Ellwood, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley; Mr. Robertson, President Board of Trustees

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bianca; Messers: Nowak, Runals, Bellemore, Crowell

The November 19, 1979 Session meeting opened with devotions on I John and a prayer by Miss Mitchell

References from the Trustees - Mr. Robertson

1. Memorial Fund - Plan to take \$10,000 of it and place it in a Money Market Account at the Permanent Bank so as to earn more interest.
2. In The Merrill-Lynch Ready Asset Account is the refund from the Niagara Mohawk. The Trustees would like to use this money to pay off the Church mortgage, thus giving a little more leadway in planning the 1980 budget. After much discussion Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that this matter be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for further consideration, and a recommendation at the January meeting of the Joint Boards. Carried.
3. This church supports the Urban Christian Ministries in Buffalo. It happens we have a Vari-type machine and a Multilith Press we no longer use. The Urban Christian Ministries can use it and would remove it from our property without cost to the church. Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to give these machines to the Urban Christian Ministries. Carried. The Trustees now will have to act on this matter.

Treasurers Report for Oct. 1979 accepted upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Youth Education

The small bus doesn't always work and one of the large busses is in poor shape and needs about \$600 worth of work on it. A replacement bus would run between \$1,000 and \$1,500. It seems that this program which started as a mission program which started as a mission program of the church is now a program of the church.

2. Nominating Committee

Will meet Tuesday evening, November 20, 1979

3. Stewardship

Miss McLaren reported that some members of the Church Boards have not returned their pledge cards. To date there are 204 pledges - \$64,689

4. Communion

Miss Fox asked for volunteers to fill the list of Elders needed to serve communion Dec. 2, 1979

At this time there was a prayer break with members praying for the budget, bus program, Urbana Conference, Jackie Ellwood, persons willing to serve on the Boards and the Iranian Crisis.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Session/Trustees/Deacon's Retreat will be at the Beacon Motor Inn, Feb. 15, 16-80 with Alex Wilson as speaker. The cost will be \$22.00 per person.

## 2. Love Canal Concerns;

Reverend Stevenson contacted those involved and found the Session could do some or all of the following:

- a. Give an official endorsement to the Ecumenical Task Force
- b. Support the Task Force with money
- c. Volunteer people to talk to residents, help give them moral support. Since the State has decided to purchase 500 homes and this help solve the problem, no action was taken.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. The following papers were passed out to each member

- a. Nor'easter-Synod of N.Y.
- b. Presbytery Recaps
- c. Letter to Jim Brown written by Reverend Stevenson expressing his views on ownership of church property and related matters.

2. Letter from Presbyterian Lay Committee, Inc. concerning regional meetings on Overture L.

3. The transfer of the membership of Mr. & Mrs. Staneslow to a Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, was carried upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gibson

4. Coffee Hour for December.

Dec. 2 - Mr. Ellwood

Dec. 9 - Miss McLaren - Mrs. Patch

Dec. 23 - Miss Fox

Dec. 30 - Mr. Goddard

At 9:50 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjournment, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Reverend Maley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1979

On November 4th, 214 people took communion

MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFER:

Mr. & Mrs. Staneslow - Presbyterian Church - Tucson, Arizona



SESSION MEETING December 17, 1979

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Patch, Miss McLaren, Miss Phillips, Miss Aird, Miss Fox, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Ellwood Hayes, Nowak, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bianca; Bellemore, Runals, Crowell, Gibson

Reverend Stevenson opened the December 17, 1979 Session Meeting with prayer.

Several who wish to join the church were present and the usual introductions were made. Miss Hackenheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the following be received as members:

Reaffirmation of Faith:

Mrs. Jan Pasisz

Mrs. Clara Kelly

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Miss Anna Matyevich - First Presbyterian Church - Tonawanda, N.Y. The motion was carried. They will be welcomed at the Sunday morning, December 23, service.

Reverend Stevenson read the gave a meditation from I Peter 2. This was followed by several short prayers and one by Reverend Stevenson.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Patch, Victor and Kathy Ladoceur were moved from the inactive list to the active membership list. Carried.

Harry Schmidt who has moved Louisiana and Patricia Smith to Denver, Colorado were placed on the inactive membership list upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

The minutes of the November 19, 1979 Session minutes were approved upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Nowak. Carried.

The 1979 budget is facing about a \$5,000 deficit. The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Approval of the purchase of a new used bus from the Argy Company for \$1,000 to be paid for out of the Permanent Youth Fund was made upon a motion by Mrs. Patch, seconded by Mr. Nowak. Carried. The bus which was retired would have taken \$1,000 to bring it up to standard so a good new one can be purchased for the \$1,000.

At the October and November No-Agenda Session meetings the concept of hiring part-time coordinators was discussed. This concept was explored in depth and many questions and issues were raised. It has boiled down to the question, : Is the congregation ready for this proposed concept to teach and train leaders in the work of the church?"

The next Session meeting is with the Trustees, January 14, 1980 to discuss and approve the budget for 1980.

Many issues are crucial in the life of this church and how can we solve them? Many short prayers were offered and the final prayer by Reverend Stevenson when the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1979

On December 2 160 people took Communion

BAPTISM

Jason Cutris - baptized Dec. 9, 1979

MEMBERSHIP

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Mrs. Jan Pasisz

Mrs. Clara Kelly

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Miss Anna Matyevich - First Presyterian Church- Ton. (Transferred from)

RESTORED

Victor and Kathy Ladouceur

JOINT BOARDS , TRUSTEES AND SESSION, January 14, 1980

SESSION: Miss McLaren, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Patch, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Bianca  
Miss Phillips, Miss Aird, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Hayes, Gib-  
son, Goddard, Runals, Crowell, Ellwood; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend  
Maley

EXCUSED: Miss Fox, Bellemore and Nowak

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Felstead, Mrs. Ginther, Messers: Robertson,  
Look, Lucas, Dashineau and William Campbell-Treasurer

Guest: Mrs. Belin from the Deacons

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting of the Joint Boards January 14, 1980 by reading and talking about Ephesians 4:11-16 concerning the role of the pastor and each individual who is so necessary in building the body of Christ through love. A few sentence prayers were offered, followed by one by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Robertson presented the 1980 budget.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that the church mortgage be paid immmediatly from the NiagaraMohawk Power refund, and use the remainder for financing the 1980 Operating and Benevolence Budget. Carried, but 2 negative votes were registered.

Mr. Robertson moved the setting up of Maintenance Reserve Account of an initial \$3,000, \$300 from the sale of the piano and \$2,700 from the Legacy Fund, and to which individuals may make gifts.

Seconded by Mr. Dashineau - Carried with one negative vote registered.

Mr. Robertson moved a Study Allowance Reserve Account be set up from unused study allowance funds, for the pastors as and when needed. (Discussion brought out it could accrue for 6 years.) Mrs. Ginther seconded the motion. Carried.



Mr. Robertson moved the adoption of the budget as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Goddard made an amendment that the Associate Pastor's salary be increased by 7% which would change the amount budgeted from \$11,192 to \$11,511. Mr. Goddard made an amendment to the amendment that this increase be added to the Payments without Pledges item in the proposed budget. Mr. Ellwood seconded this. It was carried. Then the Amendment as amended was passed. Then the motion that the budget be changed to increase the Associate Pastor's salary to \$11,511 and this increase be included in the Payment without Pledges; so the amended budget for 1980 was adopted.

At this time the Trustees held their meeting and the Session theirs.

Mr. Runals moved the Treasurer's report as mailed be accepted; seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the December minutes be accepted; seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann reported for the Nominating Committee. The following nominations to be presented at the Congregational meeting January 27.

SESSION: Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Mr. Leslie Ellis, Mrs. Loraine Hilts and Mrs. Norman Kullmann. DEACONS: Mr. Gerald Nowak, Mrs. Flora DeFranco, Mrs. Elizabeth Galliher and Dorothy Ciesielski. TRUSTEES: Mr. Peter Dooley, Mrs. Peg. Tompkins, Mr. John Traise and Mr. John Miller. Miss Jean Hackenheimer will serve for 1 year on the Trustees.

Upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, \$2,000 of each salary was designated as supplemental housing allowance for Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley. Carried.

For the Church Boards Retreat in February, 40-44 are planning to attend including 100% of incoming and continuing Session members. Alex Wilson is presenting the Workshop.

A very lengthy discussion on paid coordinators followed, but no decision was reached.

On January 27, there will be 2 baptisms: Ruth & Bill Gibson's son, and George and July Woodley's new child. Mr. Wilson moved permission for the baptisms, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried.

At 10:00 Mrs. Patch moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, that the meeting be adjourned. Following a few brief prayers, Reverend Stevenson gave the concluding blessing.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell, Clerk of Session

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

On Jan 7, 1979 264 people took communion.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 27, 1980

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was called to order at 1:40, January 27, 1980 with prayer by Reverend Stevenson. He then Ephesians 4:1-16 and commented that this is Paul's picture of the church, its goals and how it operates.

Mr. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Crowell, that the report of the Clerk of Session be accepted as printed. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann, chairman of the nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Elders for the Class of 1982:

Leslie Ellis, Mrs. Loraine Hilts, Mrs. Norma Kullmann, Miss Elizabeth Mitchell. Because there is need of another Elder in this class, Mr. Wilson nominated James Patch which was seconded by Mr. Runals. Mr. Kullmann moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Trustees, then presided at the Annual Corporation Meeting.

Mr. Runals moved the dispensing of the reading of the minutes of the 1979 Annual Meeting and that they be accepted. Mr. Kullmann seconded the motion. Carried.

The Annual Report of the Trustees appears on pages 36-38 in the Report. Miss Hackenheimer moved approval of the report and ratification of all resolutions, proceedings, and acts of the Trustees since January 1979. Seconded by Mrs. Ewen. Carried.

The Financial Report appears on pages 39-57. The statement on the Major Mission Fund is on page 48. Miss McLaren moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Cunnick. Carried.

The Proposed Budget for 1980 was presented. Mr. Dooley moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

The following information was presented:

1. Establishment of a general maintenance fund
2. Pastor's Study Fund is to accumulate
3. Assistant Treasurer to be sought so as when the present Treasurer should retire or desire to go on vacation, one person is trained to carry on the work.
4. Intersociety item in the Benevolence Budget
5. Church insurance is up because of the reappraisal.
6. Bus insurance is included in money provided for their maintenance.



Mrs. Kullmann presented the following slate for the Trustees. Class of 1980 - 2 vacancies: Miss Jean Hackenheimer, Mrs. Peggy Skinner. Class of 1982: John Traise, Peter Dooley, Mrs. Peggy Tompkins, John Miller, Mr. Ellwood moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the slate; seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried.

Mr. Dunlop's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of Elders who are not presently active. Mr. Robertson turned the meeting back to Reverend Stevenson.

The Board of Deacons Report is on pages 34-35. Mr. Ellwood moved its approval, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann presented the following slate:

CLASS of 1982:

Mrs. Flora DeFranco, Mrs. Elizabeth Galliher, Mrs. Dorothy Ciesielski, Jerry Nowak. Mrs. Ewen moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot; seconded by Mrs. Robertson. Carried.

The report of Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley appear on pages 1,2. Reverend Stevenson is encouraged about the future life of the church as he sees signs of strength, one example being the Rainbow Club. Mrs. Patch moved approval of these reports, seconded by Mrs. Dixon. Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Runals moved to direct the Joint Boards to set the annual meeting one week after the Annual Report is distributed so that people have time to study it. Seconded by Mr. Wynn. Carried.

2. Mrs. Patch moved a 12 hour prayer vigial, Saturday, February 2, 1980, to be held at both church and home to pray for the hostages in Iran and the situation in the Near East. Seconded by Mrs. Ewen. Carried. The church will be open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. There will be publicity in the paper, on the radio, and by word of mouth.

3. The following persons were nominated to represent the Congregation on the 1981 Nominating Committee: Fred Wynn, Mrs. Ruth Gibson, Mrs. Jackie Ellwood, Mrs. Sherrill Stevenson. Mr. Robertson moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk of Session cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Kullmann. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of today's meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Ciesielski. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. At 3:05 the meeting was adjourned with prayer and benediction by Reverend Russell Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 1980

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Bellemore, Gibson, Patch, Crowell, Wilson, Ellis, Hayes; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Miss Aird, Miss Phillips

ABSENT: Dr. Goddard, Mr. Runals

The February 18, 1980 meeting of the Session began with a candlelight communion. Since the Deacons were meeting also, they joined in the service. Reverend Stevenson had a meditation based on John 17. After communion and a prayer, each group held separate meetings.

The minutes for January 14, 1980 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Miss McLaren.

Mr. Campbell, the Treasurer, presented the January report and answered questions. Mr. Crowell moved the report be received, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried. Mr. Campbell then left.

The new rosters of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees were then distributed.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that Miss Mitchell continue as Clerk of Session. Miss Fox moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mr. Hayes that Mr. Campbell be retained as Treasurer. Mr. Hayes moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Permanent Delegates to the Presbytery who were nominated are: Mr. Crowell, nominated by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Wilson; Miss McLaren, nominated by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Hayes moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

The Alternate Delegates to Presbytery who were nominated are: Mr. Ellis, nominated by Mrs. Hilts, seconded by Miss Fox; Mr. Patch, nominated by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Miss Fox. Mr. Bellemore moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Miss Fox was nominated by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to the Congregational Nominating Committee. Mr. Bellemore was nominated by Miss Fox, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to the same committee. Mrs. Bianca moved the nominations be closed, Miss Fox be chairman of the committee, and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Patch. Carried.

As representatives to the Council of Churches, Mr. Wilson was nominated by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Bellemore; Mr. Gibson was nominated by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Mr. Hayes moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Miss Fox. Carried.



## SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

1. To remain the same as in 1979 but two committees are added.
  - a. Pastoral Care Committee
  - b. Planning Committee composed of the chairmen of the following groups: Personnel, Fellowship, Adult Education, Youth Education, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Mission, and one Trustee. These two committees were added upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by mR. Wilson. Carried.
2. Term of service on a committee is ordinarily the length of the time one is on the Session.

The Communion Committee is an exception - a rotating committee. Miss Fox is going off of it; Mrs. Kullmann is the new chairman.

3. Lists of committees will be given out at the March meeting - Members volunteered their services on various committees.

A proposal for Pastoral Assistants was presented and discussed. There will be about 4 of them, all volunteers, who will be able to give much time in a non-specific way when the need arises. They will set aside time for this work and must be versatile. Such needs as these they can fulfill:

- a. calling on members and new people and/or visitors;
- b. organize the Inquirers' Groups more carefully
- c. Youth area
- d. reorganize ushers.

Mr. Wilson moved the Pastoral Assistants Program be implemented; seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Since First Presbyterian Church adopted the budget for benevolences as suggested by the Presbytery, David Meerse wrote a letter thanking the church.

Reverend Stevenon is chairman for planning two retreats within the Presbytery.

1. Retreat for Pastors: March 10,11. Christ the King Seminary. East Aurora. \$17.00
2. Retreat for Pastors and two Elders: April 25.26 at Stella Niagara. Cost \$17.00, including 3 meals and room.
3. Theme: Equipping the local congregation for renewal.
4. Leader; Reverend Jerry Kirk, College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

COFFEE HOUR March 2 - Mr. Wilson

- 9 - Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell
- 16 - Miss Fox
- 23 - Mrs. Kullmann
- 30 - Mrs. Hilts

Mr. Gibson, chairman of Youth Education Committee moved Ellie Stratton, A Senior at Princeton Seminary, receive a \$200.00 loan from the Scholarship Fund. Seconded by mr. Wilson. Carried.

Elders volunteered to serve Communion Ash Wednesday, and March 2

Reverend Maley is to be in Houston March 24-29 to attend a conference on Church Development. He also plans to visit the Church of Redeemer this which is unique in the strong fellowship program.

A chain calling committee for Elders will be set up so they will know when a death occurs in the congregation.

Mr. Ellis brought up the matter of stealing today and the need to place the church's silver in a safe place. This is to be **referred** to the Trustees.

At 10:00 Mr. Bellemore moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Reverend Maley closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

*Elyzabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell - clerk of Session

#### SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY

On Feb. 3rd 238 people took communion

#### SESSION MEETING, March 17, 1980

PRESENT: Missess: Aird, Fox, McLaren, Phillips, Mrs. Hiltz, Mrs. Kullmann;  
Messers: Bellemore, Crowell, Ellis, Goddard, Hayes, Runals, Patch,  
Wilson, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Bianca

ABSENT: Mr. Gibson

The Session meeting of March 17, 1980 was opened by prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Five Prospective members were present:

#### LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ruthenford

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Scott

Mr. Dan Collipp

#### REAFFIRMATION

Mike Doran

Mr. Mike Doran was unable to be present. After introductions were made by both groups, a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Hayes, was made to receive these five persons and Mr. Doran in absentia. Carried. The new members will be welcomed at the Sunday morning services, March 23rd. Mr. Stevenson offered a prayer for these people.



Minutes of the February 18, 1980 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Treasurers Report: Questions raised by Mr. Ellis:

a. regarding the \$3,700 remaining in the Niagara Mohawk Account after the mortgage was paid?

c. the number of Bibles purchased by the Deacons?

Mr. Hayes thought the expenditure for pastage was very large for two months.

Mr. Campbell will be asked to explain at the next meeting. Motion made by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept this report. Carried.

Committee lists for 1980 were received. Additions were made:

To Adult Education: Mrs. Patch (1982) Rich Ellwood (1982)

To Personnal: Mr. Fred Wynn (1982)

To Stewardship & Mission: Miss Leslie Phillips (1981) and Mrs. Emma Wallace (1982)

Session phoning Committees list given out.

Mrs. Kullmann requested permission to loan Mr. Dooley one communion tray, one box of glasses, for use at the DeMolay's Service on March 18. Motion by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Runals, that request be granted. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Mr. Wilson presented the recommendation that Mrs. Peggy Patch and Mr. Roger Crowell be elected as Pastoral Assistants under the Pastoral Assistant Program, as adopted by Session at the February meeting. Mr. Crowell and Mrs. Patch were asked to leave for awhile, while discussion was carried on. Mr. Stevenson reviewed the requirements for these positions. Mr. Maley posed the question as to what qualittites or talents these people have? Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Runals, that this recommendation be approved. Carried.

STEWARDSHIP & MISSION: Miss McLaren reported that One Great Hour of Sharing would be Sunday, March 23. Mr. Goddard has agreed to be the Stewardship Campaign Chairman. Plans for a missionary Conference similar to the one held in 1979, in early fall, are being formulated.

PASTORAL CARE: Mr. Stevenson stated that no meeting had been held as year. These groups were discussed at the no-agenda meeting. There is a possibility that there may be more groups formed or a rearangement of some of the present ones. There may be small Bible Study groups, which meet once a week, which evolve from one of these larger groups. It was felt that these small groups would not interefere with the activities of the Pastoral groups. Mr. Hayes agreed to help Mr. Wilson with his group, to relieve Mr. Stevenson. More leaders are needed.

YOUTH EDUCATION: Miss Aird is planning to take some young people to Detroit, in May, to an Institute in "Basic Youth Conflicts." The young people are planning to sell submarine sandwiches to help raise funds for this trip. As a mission project, they would like to participate in a project to send English-Russian testaments to the Olympic committee in Russia. There was no objection on the part of the Session.

A request from Dorothy Ellis, Rainbow Club director, for use of the sanctuary on the afternoon of May 8, 1980, was read. The program to be given then will be "Yesterdays Fashions" under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Ginther.

Motion made by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mr. Wilson to grant permission for this event. Carried.

During the prayer break, special prayers were offered for people who are sick, and those who need special guidance.

Mr. Don Brown, Presbytery Executive, sent a letter thanking us for the repayment of the loan. Mr. Audley McLean wrote to thank the Session for the printing press and varityper which was given to Urban Christian Ministry.

A motion was made by Mr. Runals seconded by Mr. Hayes, to invite Mr. McLean, to give a sermon, on extended Minute for Mission, and the Children's Choir to sing, at the service on April 20. Carried.

A retreat, at Stella Niagara, to be held on April 25-26 is for the Pastors and Elders Cost \$17.00 per person. Topic: "Equipping for Ministry" by Jerry LKirk of Cincinnati. Mr. Stevenson urges al elders to attend, if possible.

Mr. Bellemore moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean McLaren*

Miss Jean McLaren, Clerk-pro temp.

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1980

On March 2, 1980 215 people took communion



SESSION MEETING MINUTES, April 21, 1980

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Miss Phillips, Miss Aird, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Ellis, Hayes, Goddard, Wilson, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Messers: Patch, Crowell, Ginson, Runals, Bellemore; Reverend Maley

The April 21, 1980 Session meeting opened with a brief explanation by Rev. Stevenson concerning the March Retreat in which 30 pastors participated and the April 25-26 Retreat for pastors and elders. Also there are to be Leadership Seminars in the Spring and Fall through the Presbytery. He read Luke 14:25-33. Becoming a Christian is serious because a commitment to Christ means change. We should listen to what God wants us to do in the church. A philosophy of the mission of the church is a good guideline to have. The was followed by a prayer.

The minutes of March were approved by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Treasurer's report for March 1980, April 1, was presented. Questions raised at the March meeting were answered. A motion to receive the Treasurer's report of April 1, 1980 was made by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Fellowship - no meeting to date
2. Youth Education: Miss Aird told of the money raising activities of the youth to raise money to spend the week of May 5-10 in Detroit at a conference. They will not have enough money by then to send the 13 delegates. Miss Aird moved a grant of \$200.00 from the Youth Program Fund be given, and the balance needed be loaned to the Youth to be paid back after the conference. Seconded by Mr. Hayes. Carried.
3. Personnel: No meeting since the last Session meeting
4. Stewardship and Mission: A May meeting is being planned.
5. Communion: People signed up for Communion May 4.

There was an in depth and enlightening discussion on ownership and disposal of Church Property, which issue is coming up at the General Assembly.

A time of short prayers was held.

#### Announcements:

1. No no-agenda meeting in May because Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley and Mr. Ellwood will be at a clinic for Pastors and Elders, May 1-5 in Cincinnati. Since May 4 Communion Sunday Mrs. Kullmann moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that Rev. Donald Brown be invited to preach, and to attend the June Session Meeting. Carried.
2. Elders will help in the May 4 service.
3. Stella Niagara Retreat for Pastors and Elders, April 25-26, will be attended by Messers; Ellwood, Wilson, Patch, Bellemore, Reverend Stevenson; Reverend Maley.
4. Study leave and Vacation Plans
  - a. Reverend Maley - April 20-26 - vacation
  - b. Reverend Stevenson, June 2-8 - study leave
  - c. Reverend Stevenson, June 23-28, August 10 - Sept. - vacation

Since the James Milne family and the Dennis Gleason have moved back to Niagara Falls, Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Wilson, moved their names be restored to the active membership list. Carried.

Mr. Nowak requested that the Bible Fellowship of which he is a member given communion some time in 1980. Mr. Wilson moved any request by any Bible Study Fellowship or prayer group within the congregation for communion be granted. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Friendship House is asking for financial support.

July 6 will be the fifth anniversary of Reverend Maley's ordination.

June 13-15, Jimmy Swaggart Crusade will be the Convention Center. Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley have been invited to sit on the platform at some of the services. This is an Assembly of God evangelistic endeavor.

At. 9:55 Mr. Hayes moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Miss Aird. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell, Clerk of Session

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF APRIL

April 6, 1980 Easter 308 people took communion



SESSION MEETING, May 19, 1980

PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Miss Fox, Miss Phillips, Miss Aird, Messers: Hayes, Wilson, Goddard, Crowell, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell, Miss McLaren, Messers: Gibson, Ellis

ABSENT: Messers: Runals, Patch, Bellemore

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:40 with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

The following New Members were present and accepted into the Church. Moved by Mr. Crowell and seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Alma Wilson - From Westminster Presbyterian Church - Burgettstown, Pa.

Delta Thema Ladue - Zion Lutheran Church - Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dr. & Mrs. Frederick William Gray (Doris) Lewiston Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, N.Y.

PROFESSION AND BAPTISM:

John Girod

The minutes of the last session meeting April 21, 1980 were approved, as moved by Mrs. Hilts, seconded by Roger Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Hayes moved and Miss Fox seconded, the approval of the April 1980 Treasurer's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Youth Education Committee - Reverend Maley - Due to difficulty in obtaining summer leaders for Junior Church, it was recommended that the Sunday School run at the same time as the Worship Service, and eliminate for the summer the Jr. Church and Little Church. The nursery would be available both hours if needed. Buses would leave at 11:00 instead of 12:15. A Dialogue and Fellowship hour after the regular worship service could still be planned if there is interest, but of a more general nature to be attractive to the older children who may stay for the second hour. Thus, it was moved by Miss Fox, seconded by Mr. Crowell, that the Sunday School be held simultaneously with the church hour. Carried.

Miss Aird commented that the trip to Detroit to the Basic Youth Conflicts seminar was successful.

B. Fellowship Committee - Helen Fox - June 29th will be the Church Picnic at Oppenheim Park 11:30 - 3:00.

C. Communion Committee - Mrs. Hilts - Communion servers were line up for June 1st.

There were no other committee reports.

Reverend Stevenson handed out copies of the summary of the Presbytery meeting of April 22nd.

Rich Ellwood and Russ Stevenson will attend the General Assembly, May 29-31 in Detroit.

A delegation to the Helper Clinic in Cinninnati is sought for the September 26-29, 1980, evangelism clinic. "Helper" stands for How to Equip Lay People to Evangelism Regularly. \$400.00 has been contributed to help defray the cost for all elders attending.

The Session broke for prayer at 9:05 p.m., resumed 9:23 p.m.

Reverend Stevenson reported on our Pastoral Assistants, who have helped extensively with calling and special projects.

Description of the session phoning committee was given by Reverend Stevenson. This is for informing session members of a death of a member, or relative of a member, of the congregation.

Les Ellis was appointed as a regular delegate to Presbytery, upgraded from his position as alternate. We are allowed an extra lay delegate for the year June 1980 - June 1981.

Presbytery meeting is Tuesday June 10 in Lockport.

There will be no No-Agenda meeting in June, due to Reverend Stevenson study leave at that time.

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 9:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Maley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard, Secretary Pro Temp.

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF MAY

On May 4, 1980 248 people took communion



## SESSION MEETING June 16, 1980

PRESENT: Miss Phillips, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Miss McLaren, Miss Fox, Miss Aird, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messengers: Ellis, Crowell, Wilson, Hayes, Patch, Goddard, Bellemore, Gibson, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Maley; Messengers: Ralph Robertson and Carey Tyler from the Trustees

EXCUSED: Mr. Runals

The June 16, 1980 Session meeting opened with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson. Mr. Crowell then presented a meditation based on Col. 2:1-10.

The minutes of the May 19, 1980 Session meeting were accepted upon a motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Mr. Ellwood was unable to attend General Assembly with Reverend Stevenson, so Mr. Crowell and Mr. Bellemore attended instead of Mr. Ellwood.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Trustees, presented a plan of the Trustees to make the church more energy efficient. After much discussion Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that up to \$6,000 from the Legacy Fund be used to install 2-7 day chronotherms and 1 indoor-outdoor boiler water control by the Charles R. Turner Co., together with ceiling insulation. Carried.

Carey Tyler said 3 families from the First Presbyterian Church live in the Love Canal area. He requested that the Session's support for the people. Mrs. Kullmann presented the following resolution which was seconded by Miss Aird: The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, New York supports the immediate permanent relocation of the Love Canal residents as opposed to temporary relocation, and that communication to this effect be sent to the Presbytery and State and National officials. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

A letter from Eugene G. Turner, Synod of the Northeast Executive, thanking the Church for paying off its mortgage so money would be available for other churches was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Ellis presented a revised organization of the Structure of Session Committees. The following changes were made:

1. There is no Fellowship Committee now part of the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee.
2. Pastoral Care and fellowship Committee has had its duties and membership expanded so that more of the congregation is cared for.
3. Communion Committee is now part of a larger and more inclusive worship committee.
4. A Planning Committee is new. Mr. Ellis moved the report be accepted; seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Volunteers for communion, July 6, 1980
2. Miss McLaren, reporting on the Stewardship and Mission Committee, announced the Mission weekend will be October 3,4,5, 1980.

### 3. General Assembly informal reports

- a. Mr. Crowell sat in the Deity of Christ committee whose report has been postponed for a year due to present litigation.
- b. Mr. Bellemore gave a clear report on the property issue.
- c. Reverend Stevenson explained the process of receiving Overtures from Chruces which go first to Overtures Committee or a special committee; then the issue is brought to the floor of the General Assembly. He said there was a reaffirmation of the 1972 pro-abortion position. Also he commented on the minority report on the property issue ( a moderate position) which lost.

1. Mr. Ellwood is having problems getting the clothing collected for the Cuban Refugees to Indian Town Gap. He needs about \$150.00 to hire a U-Haul van. Mr. Hayes moved the conegation be asked for this money in a Minute for Mission. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

2. Sunday August 24, 1980 at 1:00 P.M. for Susie Nicol is to be married in the church and wants commuion. According to Presbyterian Law commuion must be availabe to all present, served by Elders, following a sermon. She agrees to this. Mr. Patch moved this request be homored, seconded by Miss phillips. Carried.

3. The Niagara Falls Ministeral Association wants petitions signed againt Casino gambling; and petitions be sent tothe Mayor City Council, and members of the New York State Legislature.

Mr. Goddard moved these petitions be circulated; seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

4. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the following transfer be made
  - a. Bessie Lewis to Niaagara United Presbyterian Church
  - b Zachary & BeveryChavers to the United church, Canada

Carried.

### 3. Vacations

- a. Since both Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Maley want to be absent on Vacation time, June 23,24,25 Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, that this be approved providing there is a back-up minister available. Carried.
  - b. Reverend Maley is to be on vacation July 16 - August 3. The Youth Membership Class meets from 11:15 - 12:15 the 4 Sundays he will be away. The following volunteered to teach the class; July 13 - Miss McLaren, July 20 - Mr. Bellemore July 27 - Miss Mitchell - Aug. 3 - Mr. Ellis
  6. July 6 an Inquirers' Group starts meeting at 11:15 - 12:15, Mr. Gibson and Mr Wilson volunteered to assist Reverend Stevenson
  7. Miss Aird reported the youth are having a car ways Saturday, June 9-4, at the Sunoco Station, Pine and 66th St. They are raising money to help defay expenses for the graduates.
  8. Coffee Hour will be held all summer.
- At 10:00 Mr. Hayes moved the meeting be adhoured, seconded by Mr. Bellemore Reverend Maley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

On June 8, 1980 216 people took communion

SESSION MEETING, July 14, 1980

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell  
Messers: Wilson, Crowell, Hayes, Patch, Ellis, Bellemore, Gibson; Mr. Campbell;  
Reverend STEVENSON, Reverend Maley

EXCUSED: Messers: Runals, Goddard

ABSENT: Miss Fox, Miss Phillips

Reverend Maley opened the July 14, 1980, Session Meeting with devotions based on John 10. He ended with the announcement he has accepted a call to the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Percer, Pa. Silent prayer was followed with a prayer by Rev. Stevenson.

A motion to call a Congregational Meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 3, 1980 at the First Presbyterian Church to act upon the request of the Reverend Larry M. Maley for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

The minutes for June 16, 1980 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Crowell, seconded by Mr. Bellemore.

Mr. Campbell, treasurer, presented the quarterly report and answered questions. Mr. Hayes moved it be received, seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

An announcement was made of a gift of \$10,000 by the Dr. P. Jack Collipp family to be placed in an interest bearing account to be known as the Collipp Memorial Pastor's Fund. Mr. Gibson moved the gift be accepted with thanks and the fund established. Mr. Wilson seconded it. Carried. (see end of minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. PERSONNEL: Because of health reasons Deryck Aird, organist, and Marian Aird, music consultant, have requested a leave of absence from September 1, 1980 - to February 28, 1981.

Mr. Wilson moved to accept Deryck Aird's written request for a leave of absence without pay from his duties as Director of Music from September 1, 1980 through Feb. 28, 1981, and to accept the verbal request from Marian Aird for a termination of her 1980 Music Consultant agreement with the Church as of September 1, 1980. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Miss Aird that the Personnel Committee be authorized to hire substitute organists and choir directors for the period of the leave of absence according to the following schedule of compensation:

1. Organist \$40 a week ( Thursday evening practice and Sunday morning service).
2. Adult Choir Director \$40 a week
3. Westminster Choir Director \$35 a week (Sunday evening practice and Sunday morning service).

#3 and #2 combine \$70.00 a week

#1 and #3 combined - \$70.00 a week

Carried.

Concerning taxes and insurance for these people, Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mrs Hilts, that the subject be referred to our attorney, including the past agreement with Marion Aird, and the future engagement of organists and choir directors. Carried.

The following Job Description: Assistant Treasurer was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gibson.

DUTIES: During the absence of the Treasurer, to receive, record, and deposit receipts, to prepare checks for payments of accounts due, possibly including payroll (checks to be signed by President and/or other officers of the Trustees. Otherwise to assist the treasurer as requested.

PAYMENT: Payment should be a reasonable honorarium and determined by the trustees within the budgeted amount for the position.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve Mrs. Carolyn Goddard as Assistant Treasurer for 1980. Mr. Crowell seconded the motion. Carried.

2. Memorial Fund; Miss Mitchell moved up to \$1400 be used from the Memorial Fund to purchase a Gestetner copier; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

3. Communion: Mrs. Kullmann asked for servers for the August 3 Communion.

There was a Prayer break at this time.

After some changes Session Committee Chairmen are as follows:

Roger Crowell - Chairman, Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Bill Gibson - " Nurture Committee

Leslie Phillips " Youth Education

Elizabeth Mitchell - Chairman, Adult Education

Paul Wilson " Personnel

Jean McLaren " Stewardship & Mission

James Patch " Worship Committee

Because she is living at the Jefferson Apartments, Mrs. Virginia Francis, a former member, was received into church membership by transfer of letter, upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Church growth statistics up to July 1980 were discussed. In order for there to be growth in church membership we need a 10% membership growth, roughly 58 new members in 1980. The Bible Fellowship Groups and the Pastoral Assistants are helping in this respect.



COFFEE HOUR: September 7 - Roger Crowell

14 - Jean McLaren, Lorraine Hilts

21 - Paul Wilson

28 - Fred Hayes

Mrs. Bianca was thanked for the food they supplied for the all-church picnic, June 29th.

An informational meeting of Intervarsity is being held August 1, 1980 at 7:30 at the church. All are welcome to attend.

We are going to watch the movement in this country concerning the rights of homosexuals, and act when necessary.

At 9:45 the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Maley gave the closing prayer.

#### COLLIPP MEMORIAL PASTOR'S FUND

Be it resolved, by the Session of First Presbyterian Church that at the request of Dr. P. Jack Collipp and his family a Collipp Memorial Pastor's Fund be established to be administered as follows:

1. The corpus of the Fund shall consist of the following gift from Dr. P. Jack Collipp, his wife, and children:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| June 1980   | \$10,000      |

2. The fund shall be deposited by the Trustees in an interest bearing account or otherwise invested in a conservative and prudent manner as decided by the Trustees.

3. The income of the fund can be withdrawn and spent by the pastor (s) of First Presbyterian Church to permit them to visit the Holy Land with their families and/or to permit them to participate in experiences which will increase their faith in Jesus Christ who is Lord and Savior of us all.

4. It is the intention of the donors that the interest from this fund be used for the above purpose (3). If, however, an inordinate balance should accumulate in the Fund, it can be used to permit the pastors to contribute to the needs of the families in the congregation as they deem fit.

5. The principal of the Fund is fundamentally intended to remain inviolate as a permanent resource of the church, and shall not be invaded, consumed, loaned or hypothecated in whole or in part, except in the event of extraordinary circumstances, upon recommendation of the trustees and approval by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Session followed by a majority vote at two successive annual meetings of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 6 , 1980 230 people took communion

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 3, 1980

Immediately after the service August 3, 1980 a special Congregational Meeting was held. It was opened with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Ellwood moved that the pastoral relation between the Reverend Lawrence M. Maley and the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls be dissolved on September 13, 1980 so that he may accept a call to be pastor of the Bethany United Presbyterian Church of Mercer, Pa. It was seconded by Mr. Tyler. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Reverend Maley closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Clerk  
of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, August 10, 1980

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Aird, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Goddard, Ellis, Wilson; Reverend Stevenson

Informal introductions and talk preceeded a Special Session meeting at 9:15, Sunday August 10, 1980

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to accept the following people into church membership so they could publically unite at the 10:00 a.m. service.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Mrs. Hazel Krueger | Nina Collins  |
| Timothy Gleason    | Jean Wolfgang |
| Charles Byam       |               |
| Leo Sionkiewicz    |               |



CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

Edward Hiller

Mr. Timothy Montagna

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

Mrs. Nina Montagna

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Gordon McGee

After the membership vows, Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that these people be received into membership of the church. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, authorization was given for the following baptisms to take place during the 10:00 a.m. service:

Mrs. Nina Montagna

Rebecca Mary Montagna

Judy Christine Montagna

James Michael Place

Carl Anthony Howard

Reverend Stevenson adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted



Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

On Aug. 3, 1980 230 people took communion

SESSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1980

PRESENT: Mrs. Aird, Miss Phillips, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Runals, Wilson, Gibson, Patch, Ellis, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Messers: Goddard, Hayes, Crowell

ABSENT: Mr. Bellemore

Guests, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Ellwood

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson called the September 15, 1980 meeting of the Session to order. Briefly those present shared some of their summer experiences.

Upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Patch, the minutes for the July 14, meeting; the Congregational meeting Aug. 3, 1980; the special Session meeting, Aug. 10th, 1980, were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report for September 1, 1980 was received and filed upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Patch. In spite of questions the August 1, 1980 Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Wilsson.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Board of Trustees, presented the repair needs for the manse. The Trustees already have approved taking \$3,500 from the Legacy Fund to provide for additional insulation and maintenance work. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Miss Aird, that the Trustees be permitted to take up to \$3,500 from the Legacy Fund for work on the Manse. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood presented the matter of the offensive sex advertisements which appear daily in the Gazette. After much discussion Mr. Ellis moved, seconded by Mrs. Bianca, that a letter to Niagara Gazette objecting to specific advertisements be delivered by Reverend Stevenson and Mr. Ellwood, and that a copy be sent to the Council of Churches. Carried.

Mr. Runals was excused from the discussion on grounds of conflict of interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Committee: Reverend Stevenson asked for input concerning the needs of the church, where we are, need for an Associate Pastor. There was very little input since most of the Session members present are on this Committee.

2. Nurture Committee: Mr. Gibson reported a meeting held in August showed that at present there are 5 Bible Study - fellowship groups active.

3. Personnel Committee - Mr. Wilson made the following reports:

a. As substitutes for 6 months the following have been hired:

Mrs. Kullmann - choir director - Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings

Miss Aird - organist and Westminster Choir - director - Thursday evenings, Sunday morning and evening - \$70.00 a week.

An article will be placed in the Bulletin about this.

b. Mr. Wilson moved that Mrs. Nancy Schulz be granted an hourly rate increase from \$3.317 to \$4.00 an hour as of September 1, 1980. Seconded by Miss Aird. Carried.

c. Mr. Wilson moved that it become policy of this church that no member of the church who is receiving financial remuneration from church funds may be elected to the Session or Trustees. However, a member of the Session or Trustees may complete the term he or she is currently serving when the remuneration begins. Mr. Runals

seconded the motion. Carried.



4. Stewardship and Mission Committee: Miss McLaren gave in some detail the plans for the Missionary Weekend, Oct. 3,4,5 in which Pierce Avenue, Riverside, and Lewiston Churches are participating. A bus will be available for members who live in Spallino Tower, Whitewater Towers, Jefferson Apartments. This will be publized. Much publicity is needed for the Friday night dinner (\$3.00) Saturday breakfast for men (\$1.00); Luncheon on Saturday (\$2.00)

5. Worship Committee

- a. A paper was passed for Elders to sign up for a specific date to participate in the Worship service.
- b. Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that quest preachers serve periodically for the next six months; honorarium - \$75.00 a Sunday. Carried.

Other business

1. It seems that because of divorce, more couples cannot be married in the Catholic Church. The pre-martial counseling by Reverend Stevenson taken much time, hence the session will be asked to vote on the policy change in Octover which would add the words: "Where the couple is related in some way to this church" in the first paragraph of "The Christian Wedding" in the pamphlet "Information concerning Sacraments and Ordinances."
2. Before she was received by the Session Heather Smith was welcomed into the church membership. Mr. Wilson moved she be received retroactively into membership as of Sept. 7, 1980. Carried.
3. Mr. Nowak, Chairman of the Deacons, has requested a Congregational meeting to fill the 3 vacancies in the Board. A motion by Miss McLaren, seconded by Mrs. Hiltz, directs the Nominating Committee to present three candidates for the positions which will be voted on at a Special Congregational Meeting after church service, Sunday, Octover 26, 1980. Carried.
4. Mr. Earl Hiltz of the Park Committee has received the gift of two flag poles which he would like to present to the church to be placed in the front park. The Memorial Fund Committee has instructed to meet, to decided on accepting the gift, and provide money necessary to fund the project if they wish.

The 192nd General Assembly adopted a policy that each session and its work groups "be assumed to be fully open for observation by the church within its bounds" (ie to members of First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls) unless there is a specific need to hold a closed meeting. However, the records of the session are not public and the clerk may wish to consult the session before any portion of the minutes are made public.

At 10:05 Mr. Runals moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of  
Session

Satastics for Sept.

On Sept. 7, 1980 232 people took communion

SESSION MEETING - October 13, 1980

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Fox, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss McLaren, Miss Phillips, Messers: Bellemore, Gibson, Goddard, Hayes, Runals, Wilson, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Messers: Crowell, Ellis, Patch

Guest: Mr. Nowak

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with a devotional reading from II Timothy 4:1-5, followed by prayer.

A correction to the minutes of September 15, 1980 was made: under Personnel Committee report, remuneration for the organist is \$70 a week. Mr. Hayes then moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Carried.

Mr. Nowak addressed the Sess in regard to the bus he is driving for Senior Citizens; namely, it is time for a new bus. After discussion, Miss Fox moved that a committee, consisting of Mr. Nowak and Mr. Gibson, be appointed to gather information regarding availability of a bus, cost, type, etc. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Carried. Mr. Nowak left at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTSPLANNING COMMITTEE - Mr. Gibson

An assistant pastor is needed to replace Larry Maley. Therefore, a recommendation is made to have the Session begin a search for one. The new assistant would have part general pastoral duties and part focus on young adults from ages 20-35 years. Suggested qualifications were mentioned: some experience (not just out of seminary), personnel and managerial abilities. Upon motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Miss Fox, the Session requested the Personnel Committee start a search for an assistant pastor. Carried. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts that the Personnel Committee report at the next Session meeting on a job description and a salary range for this position. Carried.

A suggestion by Reverend Stevenson was made to have a congregational prayer meeting to pray for guidance in finding a new assistant pastor. Some possible adverse reactions were mentioned, so the matter was dropped. A prayer break came at this time to pray for guidance in the selection of a new assistant pastor.

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION - Miss McLaren gave attendance figures at the various meetings, held during the Missionary Weekend. These were slightly higher than in 1979.

PARK COMMITTEE - Mr. Wilson commented that there are no signs on the back of the church to designate it as such; could one be erected? Mr. Runals said that the city has rules about signs and that caution should be used in pursuing this idea. No action taken.

As no member of the Memorial Committee was present to report on the flag pole project, the matter will await report from the committee at the next meeting.

SESSION RETREAT FOR 1981

It was agreed that a retreat is desirable and that inviting the three boards will be better than just having the Session alone. A planning retreat is not desired.



Mr. Campbell gave the Treasurer's monthly and quarterly reports. Motion made by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to accept reports as printed. Carried.

Presbytery is requesting candidates for the Youth Advisory Delegates to General Assembly in 1981. Miss Aird was nominated by the Session, thru motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Motion for adjournment at 9:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. McLaren secretary - pro temp.

#### SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCT. 1980

On Oct. 5, 1980 213 people took communion

#### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special Congregational Meeting was called to order at 11:00, Sunday Oct. 26th, 1980 with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Miss Helen Fox, chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed the folllowing names on the slate to fill three vacnacies on the Board of Deacons: Charles Byam, Mrs. Emma Wallace, Mrs. Doris Gray

Since there were no other nominations. Mr. Westerman moved the nominations be closed, seconded by MRs. Linn. Carried.

Mrs. Ranchil moved the Clerk of Session cast one ballot for the nominees; seconded by Mrs. Snyder. Carried.

It was decided unanimously to adjourn. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully sunmitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Sesion

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, NOV. 3, 1980

PRESENT: Miss Aird, Miss Phillips, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gibson, Wilson, Runals; Mr. Ellis came late Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Fox: Messers: Bellemore, Goddard, Crowell

ABSENT: Messers: Patch, Hayes

GUEST: Mrs. Gleason

Reverend Stevenson opened the Special Session Meeting, Nov. 3, 1980 with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, the following were accepted into church membership. Those not present will take their vows, Sunday morning, Nov. 9, when all are received publicly into membership.

TRANSFER OF LETTER:

William Patch

Sandra Ann Linnane

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bernard William Linnane

Luther Frederick Proctor

Moria Elizabeth Proctor

Leo Michael Scotland

Cecile Thompson

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Megan Dorothea Scotland

Janice Mease

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Reeford Thompson

After being welcomed, the new members left.

Mr. Wilson presented a new job description for an Assistant <sup>Pastor</sup> as set up by the Personnel Committee.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gibson it was accepted with the following change:

II Discipleship of Young Adults

1. Developing outreach to young adults, single and married, in the community.

The underlined words were added:

The following is the job description as changed:

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

PURPOSE: To assist the pastor with the general pastoral responsibilities of the church, ministering to the whole congregation regardless of ages; and to work specifically in a ministry of discipleship with the young couples and singles for the purpose of growth in numbers and Christian maturity.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Accountable to the pastor as head of staff.



RESPONSIBILITIES:

I General Pastoral Responsibilities (about half-time) such as:

1. Preaching about once a month.
2. Resourcing the Youth Education Committee.
3. Teaching a yearly Adult Membership Class for youth.
4. Visiting in the hospitals regularly.
5. General visitation for Inquirer's Groups.
6. General visitation within the congregation.

II Discipleship of Young Adults (about half-time) such as:

1. Developing outreach to young adults in the community.
2. Enabling young adults (single and married) to minister to and with other young adults.
3. Training young adults (single and married) to minister within the life of the congregation as a whole.

RELATIONSHIPS:

Works in close cooperation with the Pastor, as head of staff. Attends staff meetings as scheduled.

EVALUATION

Annual reviews will be conducted by the Personnel Committee and the Pastor as head of staff. The Personnel Committee will annually review the adequacy of compensation.

As Approved by Session 11/3/80

After a discussion as to the salary and housing allowance to be offered, Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the range be \$16,100 to \$18,500 Carried. This will mean a deficit budget for several more years.

At the No-Agenda section of the meeting, the following ideas were brought up:

1. The use of the sanctuary by unsupervised children as a playground. The Elders will wage campaign against this. Also Sunday School teachers should stress the special sacred use of the sanctuary.
2. Wheel chair horsing around by young adult before church.
3. Suggestion for church service.
  - a. Don't let people be seated during prayers.
  - b. Suggest to strangers they can sit wherever they desire.
  - c. Need for bulletin article or ministerial announcement, or both, concerning church etiquette.
4. Mr. Gibson is thoroughly investigating the purchase of a bus to meet our needs.
5. New members for 1980. Reverend Stevenson gave the following report:
  - a. To date - 4 Inquirers' Groups. One more to go.
  - b. Prospective members have been visited by the minister before they join as Inquirers' Group
  - c. 38 new members have been received to date.
  - d. To be a growing church we should receive about 58 new members a year (10%) of membership in new members)
  - e. Churches lose roughly 8% of their membership each year due to death, transfer, etc.
  - f. New members are generally productive in getting new members.
  - g. Buffalo Korean Church is the only growing church in the Presbytery.

- h. Over the last 5 years we have averaged 6% in new members.
- i. No one in an Inquirers' Group is forced to join.

At 9:32 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MINUTES November 17 , 1980

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Hayes, Wilson, Ellis, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Aird, Miss Fox; Messers: Bellemore, Runals, Gibson, Crowell, Patch

The Devotions from Acts 2:43-47 opened the Session meeting Nov. 17 1980. Reverend Stevenson followed his meditations with prayer.

The minutes for Oct. 13 Session meeting, Special Congregation meeting for Oct. 26th, Secial Session meeting on Nov. 3 were approved by having "and housing allowance" added after salary upon a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann.

A question on Disbursements in the Treasurer's report be reported on at the December Session meeting. Mr. Goddard moved the report be received; seconded by Miss McLaren. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### 1. PERSONNEL

a. Miss McLaren moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the expenses entailed in bringing possible candidates for an Assistant Minister be taken from the unused portion of the Associate Minister's salary for 1980. Carried.

b. Organist - Mr. Wilson reported that Roberty Bailey will be the Sunday morning organist. However, he will miss 3 services around the holidays. Miss Aird probably will substitute at this time. We really need a permanet organist. Mr. Bailey's work will be evaluated after his first year.

##### 2. STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION

Mr. Goddard reported a 1st letter to those who have not pledged to date will be mailed this week. So far 195 pledges, totaling \$63,585.70 have been received Sunday Mr. Goddard will report to the congregation during the morning service.

##### 3. MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

Miss Mitchell reported to date there is no final decision on the flags.

##### 4. OTHER REPORTS

Reverend Stevenson made an appointment with Susan Clark Editor of the Niagara Gazette, and presented the letter from the Session concerning inappropriate advertising Outcame - vaute.

A prayer break was held at this time.



Mr. Wilson thanked Reverend Stevenson for the help he gave in getting both sides together in the recent Hooker stirke.

January 30,31, 1981 will be the three Boards Retreat at the Beacon Motor Inn. The Session members expressed their reactions to the following options for the Retreat:

- a. Reverend Donald Brown - an inspirational retreat, maybe on Prayer.
- b. Two lay people from the College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio on the subject of Equipping Lay People for Ministry in the Church.
- c. Two laymen from the Orchard Park Full Gospel Tabernacle and a lay person from the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church to present their program on House Church which is paralleled to our Bible Study Fellowships.
- d. Reverend Stevenson on Church Growth which would be analytical rather than inspirational.

#### REPORT ON LAST PRESBYTERY MEETING

1. Miss McLaren spoke on the missions sessions for the Night People, Migrants, and Korean Church which she attended.
2. Mr. Ellis spoke on Pat Butler's presentation of the results when he was a delegate to the Eastern Church. The Romanian churches are crowded and claim they are the first Protestants. He told of the special meaning for them of all Saints Day, Nov. 1.

Reverend Stevenson told of a meeting with Reverend Alex Wilson, Reverend James Hills, and he had desiring to ask Dr. Winter, founder of U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, California, to come and speak to Presbytery. Dr. Winter has already been invited to speak at 4 area dinners. This idea presented to the General Council, was turned down. However in the Fall of 1981, Reverend Winter will come to speak to our Church and the 4 area dinners anyway,

Reverend Stevenson told how he is voting on these two Overtures from the General Assembly and why.

1. Property Overture - although he doesn't agree with it entirely since this is the way Presbyterians have handled the matter in the past, he'll vote in favor.
2. Overture E. concerning representation of minorities, different ages, groups and women on all boards (fair representation) would be absurd especially since any deviation would have to be the Presbytery's consent. He'll vote against it.

At 9:37 the meeting closed with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell - Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS ON THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

On Nov. 9th 186 people took communion

SESSION MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1980

PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Miss Phillips, Miss Fox, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Aird, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Hayes, Runals Gibson, Ellis, Patch, Crowell, Wilson, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Bellemore

The December 15, 1980 Session meeting opened with Miss McLaren reading a Christmas poem written by Mrs. Israel who lives in the Lockport Home. This was followed with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Introduction of Session members and the following new members were made:

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Michael Gerhardt Nagel

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Helga Maria Hickman

Joseph Michael Naccarato

Elmer McClelland

Mrs. Elmer McClelland (Genevieve)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Michele Babcock

After the affirming of the membership vows by the candidates, Mr. Runals moved, seconded by MR. Gibson, that these people be accepted into church membership. Carried. They will be publically welcomed at the 10:00 o'clock service, Sunday December 21, 1980. Reverend Stevenson offered a prayer, and each was welcomed by each Session member.

The minutes of the November 17, 1980 Session meeting were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. The question left over from the November meeting concerning disbursements referred to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Also the invitation to Dr. Winters has been extended by a few churches to coincide with the Falls Mission Weekend. At this time we do not know whether he will speak at this church.

Mr. Runals moved the treasurer's report for December 1, 1980 be received and filed. Mr. Goddard seconded it. Carried.

The Presbytery Ministerial Relations Committee has requested the church to fill out the Church Information Form. Parts 1-5 must be read and discussed by the Session. After the discussion, Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Patch, that the information included be approved. Carried.

To date, one candidate for Assistant Minister has been interviewed, and in January two more interviews are scheduled.

At this time there was a prayer break concentrating on the search for an Assistant Minister.

A list of inactive members was checked. Letter will go to these who live in other communities suggesting they find new church homes. Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson that the following people be transferred to the Inactive Roll.



Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schoepflin, Mrs. Luka Auzina, Miss Dawna Eakin, Miss Patricia Snavelly, Mr. & Mrs. Schermer, Mrs. Joanne Munroe, Mrs. Phyllis Beaton, Mrs. Doris Gill, Mrs. Zula Mitchell, Mrs. John Bagocus, Mrs. Suzie Nicol, Mr. Kenneth Beaver, Mr. Scott Chavers, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chettleburgh, Mrs. James Coutts, Mr. Peter Dooley, Mr. Jack Guenther, Jr., Mr. Otto Guenther, Mrs. Rose Dolhun, Mr. & Mrs. James Milne & Leslie, Miss Lois Somers, Mr. William Welch, Mr. T. Donald Neil

Mrs. George Ursprung be given a letter of transfer to the Youngstown Presbyterian Church, and that the following people who have joined another church be removed from the rolls:

Mrs. Deborah Landes, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Jr. Mr. Rodney Shumway, Mr. Chacelon Roberts

All were urged to make their reservations for the retreat, January 30-31, 1981 to be held at the Beacon Hotel.

After much discussion Mr. Runals, moved, seconded by Mr. Crowell that the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held January 24, 1981 at 11:15. Adult classes to be cancelled; all other church activities to continue as usual. Mr. Gibson moved to amend the motion seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that the time of the meeting be 11:00 o'clock, with a delayed coffee hour. This amendment was accepted by Mr. Runals and Mr. Crowell. Both amendment and motion as amended were carried.

Since Miss Aird who is our nominee to attend the General Assembly in Houston, Texas as a youth advisory delegate is to be married right after the meeting, she is withdrawing her name. Mr. Wilson moved Miss Phillips as our first choice as nominee with Mr. Danile Collipp as second choice. Mr. Patch seconded the motion. Carried.

Next Session meeting is January 12, a joint budget meeting with the Trustees.

January 18-25 Our Lady of Lebanon Church is arranging for prayer services each night in community churches. Father Doyle is chairing this committee. Informally the Session decided not to sponsor a meeting but to be supportive and to encourage members of the congregation to attend some of these meetings.

Mr. Ellis commented on the cartoon in Sunday, Dec. 14, bulleting is being out of line. Mr. Hayes said he saw a Gannet bus at Senior Meadows, Sunday. He wondered if it were possible to have this service free. At 9:45 the meeting adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Reverend closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Mitchell, clerk of session

#### SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH DECEMBER

On Dec. 7, 1980 212 people took communion

JOINT BOARDS MEETING MINUTES, January 12, 1981

SESSION: PRESENT: Miss McLaren, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hiltz, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bianca Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Bellemore, Gibson, Ellis, Wilson Crowell, Goddard: Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Miss Aird, Mr. Patch, Mr. Runals

TRUSTEES: Present: Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Ginther, Miss Hackenheimer; Messers: Dooley, Look, Robertson, Campbell, Traise.

Reverend Stevenson called the Joint Board's meeting to order, January 12, 1981 by reading a passage from Mark 9; a brief talk on "Faith", and prayer.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Trustees, turned the meeting over to Mr. Campbell, Treasurer, who explained the Financial Report for December 1980. Mr. Look moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, that the name of the new fund be Buildings/Maintenance Fund. Carried.

The recommendations of the Budget Committee which met January 5, 1981, were discussed item by item. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that \$1500 be transferred from the Legacy Fund to the Buildings/Maintenance Fund. Carried.

Mrs. Skinner moved \$695 be added to the benevolences for the Presbyterian Homes. Seconded by Miss Hackenheimer. Carried.

This means the suggested budget for 1981 will be a deficit budget of \$8,974.

Mr. Traise moved, seconded by Mr. Dooley, that the total budget of \$135,603 as amended be presented to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting, Jan. 25. Carried.

Prayer by Reverend Stevenson closed the Joint Board's Meeting.

Mr. Gibson moved the approval of the December 15, 1980 Session minutes in which the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting should be Sunday, January 25, not the 24th. Mr. Goddard seconded the motion. Carried.

Miss Fox, chairman of the Nominating Committee, said the Session slate isn't completely finalized now but the names of the nominees to the three boards will appear in the January 25th church bulletin.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Personnel Committee, said that to date two candidates for the position of Assistant Pastor have been interviewed. There are still some dossiers to be reviewed. They hope the work will be completed sometime in Feb.



## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. In the "Niagara Gazette" for January 11, 1981 appeared a very misleading article by Ed Chrzanowski, entitled "Literal Interpretation of Bible Inadequate." Reverend Stevenson had drafted a letter to the Editor pointing out fallacies and misrepresentation of facts. It was decided to add II Timothy 3:16 as final paragraph, "upon a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, and that those present give their consent to signing their names to the letter. Carried.
  2. A motion to designate \$2,000 of Reverend Stevenson's salary as a supplemental housing allowance was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.
  3. A letter inviting those interested in participating in the forming a living horseshoe with Canada be posted.
  4. A letter was received from the Presbyterian Lay Committee stating a computer error had sent a wrong letter to some people. They are asked to ignore the letter.
  5. Mr. Goddard is going to write a letter to Mrs. Fred Hayes from the Session expressing our appreciation for all he has done for the church and his services on the Session.
  6. Reverend Stevenson thanked the retiring Session members of their services; Mr. Bellemore, Mr. Gibson, Miss McLaren, Miss Aird, Mr. Runals, Miss Helen Fox. We shall miss them.
- At 10:25 Mr. Bellemore moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

On Jan 4, 1981 152 people took communion

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING    JANUARY 25, 1981

The Annual Congregational Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Byam, that the Annual Report of the Clerk of Session be received as printed on pages 305 of the 1980 Annual Report.

Miss Fox, chairman of the Nominating Committee, nominated the following slate of elders.

Richard Ellwood - Class of 1981; Class of 1983; Mrs. Mary Jean Bellemore, Mrs. Ruth Gibson, Mr. Dennis Gleason, Dr. Frederick Gray, Mr. Russell Look, Mrs. Shelia Rader. Mr. Wilson seconded the nominations.

As there were no other nominations, Mr. Scott moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast an unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

Mr. Ralph Robertson then presided at the 156th Annual Corporation Meeting.

The Annual Report of the President of the Trustees is on pages 34-35 of the published Annual Report. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Byam, that this report and all the acts of the Trustees since the last Corporation Meeting- be accepted. Carried.

On pages 37-54 of the Annual Report appears the Treasurer's Annual Report. Mr. Dooley moved it be accepted and approved, Carried.

The Budget for 1981 appears on the white sheets at the end of the Annual Report. Mr. Dooley moved it be accepted and approved, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried. One negative note was being registered.

Miss Fox nominated the following to be Trustees, Class of 1983; Mr David McMahon, Mrs. Edith Mitchell, Mr. Kenneth Neil, Mr. Jack Scott. Mrs. Kullmann moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Mr. Crowell seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. John Runals thanked those responsible for preparing the Annual Report early so interested people could study it before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was turned back to Reverend Stevenson. The Deacon's report appears on p. 33. Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mrs. Belin, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Miss Fox nominated the following people to serve as Deacons for 3 years; Mrs. Doris Gray, Mrs. Daisy Moore, Mrs. Shirley Morre', Mrs. Emma Wallace. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byam moved, seconded by Mr. Runals, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

The Pastor's annual report is on p. 5. There are three big needs of the church: (1) it has a deficit budget; (2) needs more Bible Study Fellowships; (3) needs to receive more members in order to grow. Mr. Ellwood moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Mrs. Eddie Snyder. Carried.

The following people were nominate to be the Congregational representatives on the Nominating Committee: Mr. William Gibson, Mrs. Ann Dunlop, Mrs. Erma Runals, Mr. Fred Wynn. Mr. Scott moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot; seconded by Mr. Byam. Carried.



Mr. Robertson moved the reading of the minutes be dispensed with: seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Miss Jean McLaren, Chairman of the Stewardship and Mission Committee, said that Mrs. Emma Wallace's name had been accidentally omitted from the committee.

At 11:35 Mr. Gibson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Runals. Reverend Stevenson then offered a prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Miss Mitchell; Messengers: Goddard, Wilson, Crowell, Ellwood Patch, Ellis, Gray, Look; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gibson

A candle-light communion for Deacons and Elders was held February 16, 1981. One Elder was ordained, two installed and one Deacon installed.

The minutes of the Joint Boards and Session meeting, January 12, 1981 and the Congregational meeting, January 25, 1981, were approved upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood seconded by Mrs. Hilts, and carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that the Treasurer's report for January 1981 be received. Carried. The report contained a corrected budget for 1981. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that this question be tabled until there is a conference with the treasurer to clarify this point. Also the question of why Reverend Stevenson's salary for January was not 1/12 of the total was raised. This is to be answered at the next meeting.

Mr. Ellwood nominated Miss Mitchell to be Clerk of the Session. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Mr. Wilson moved the Clerk cast one ballot; seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

Mr. Campbell was nominated Treasurer upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Look. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mr. Campbell upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Mr. Crowell and Mr. Ellis were nominated alternates to the Presbytery by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Bianca. The Clerk was to cast one ballot. Carried.

Mr. Patch and Miss Mitchell were nominated alternates to the Presbytery of Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Bianca. The Clerk was to cast one ballot. Carried.

MR. Goddard was nominated as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Miss Phillips as a member, by Mr. Look, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. The Clerk was to cast one ballot. Carried.

As representatives to the Council of Churches, Dr. Gray moved, seconded by Mrs. Rader, that Mr. Look and Mr. Wilson be selected with the Clerk casting one ballot. Carried. Notice for these meetings will appear in the church bulletin so interested people can attend.

#### SESSION COMMITTEES

The responsibilities of the Evangelism and Nurture committee will be concerned with the outreach of the congregation in these ways: (1) promote and assist Bible study fellowships (2) be responsible for the Inquirer's groups, (3) discipleship training. A motion to increase the responsibilities as stated above was made by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore. Carried.

Session members then made three choices for committees they would like to serve on.

The two Pastoral Assistants, Roger Crowell and Peggy Patch, are willing to continue as such. Also more who have the time would be welcome. Their calling on people was very effective. Then each carried out specialized duties as seeing the church notes reached the Gazette in time, the pamphlet racks in the church were current, reorganization of the ushers, and so on. Dr. Gray moved Mr. Crowell and Mrs. Patch remain as Pastoral Assistants, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Notes of the February 10, 1981 Presbytery meeting were passed out.

Mr. Look has a questionnaire from the Council of Churches to be completed. He read the resolution of the Council of Churches concerning casino gambling in New York State and Niagara Falls. The Council is also organizing a lobby against casino gambling.

The subject of pornography came up. The Session would like someone to keep it informed on the subject.

That the Trustees be encouraged to have a consultant employed to help simplify the financial report and the Treasurer's books, and to have yearly audit was a motion made by Mr. Look, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Hilts, a recommendation that the Trustees together with the Treasurer provide a minimal explanation as to how the figures on the Treasurer's report are compiled and what they mean. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by Dr. Gray, that this church host the Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Communion Service at 7:30, March 4, under the auspices of the Council of Churches. Carried.

To facilitate parking that evening, it was suggested maybe the ushers could help. Also there is a need for a nursery.

There will be four Communion services soon: Sunday March; Ash Wednesday, March 4; Sunday April 5; Maundy Thursday, April 16



The baptism of Tammy Jean Sinclair will be March 8 as was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

Coffee Hour 1 John Goddard, March 8, Mary Jean Bellemore, March 17 Lorained Hiltz, March 22 Lesslie Ellis, March 29 Janet Bianca.

Mr. Wilson reporting for the Personnel Committee, said three persons have been interviewed for the position of Assistant Pastor. Many applications have been received but most could not meet our requirements. There is to be a meeting the Committee Saturday morning and prayers are needed.

The leave of absence of the organist, Deryck Arid, will be up the end of February. He plans to return the assume the full responsibility. However, Charlene Aird may assist him with the Westminster Choir during the spring.

Daniel Collipp name was submitted to Presbytery as a youth delegate to the General Assembly instead of Leslie Phillips who declined the privilege. Mr. Collipp has been selected as an alternate.

Letters of appreciation will be written to Mr. Robert Bailey, Mrs. Noram Kullmann Miss Charlene Aird, for their services during Mr. Aird's leave of absence.

Mrs. Bianca announced the Lenten Luches will being March 5th.

At 10:10 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Wilson. A closing prayer was offered by Mr. Goddard

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF Feb

On Feb. 5, 1981 223 people took communion

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING March 2, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gleason, Gary, Wilson, Ellis, Crowell, Goddard, Look, Patch; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mr. Ellwood

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gleason; Messers: Wynn, Dooley, Wilson

The special Session meeting, March 2, 1981, was called to order with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear the recommendations of the Personnel Committee concerning selection of an Assistant Pastor and to ask questions which they would answer.

Mr. Wilson gave a brief introduction to the overall work of the committee.

Mr. Wynn showed how they came to the conclusion we need an experienced pastor since the church is at a crossroads - either go forward to die. Consequently new job descriptions were written for the pastor and the assistant. Mrs. Gleason showed how these two persons would harmonize and compliment each other.

Salary to obtain a qualified person would be much more than the budget provides for. It would mean obtaining money from new members which would come with church growth, and/ or from usable capital funds.

Reverend Stevenson explained the steps to be taken from this point until the minister chosen has accepted. Friday night, March 6, the Session and their wives or husband will gather 7:30 at the Stevensons to meet Reverend Alex Wilson and his wife, Alma. There will be questions to them and from them, and a fine opportunity to get to know them better. A decision on issuing a call will then be made at the regular session meeting of March 16.

At 8:45 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Crowell. This was followed by sentence prayers, a concluding prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 16, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Wilson, Ellis, Crowell, Gleason Gray, Patch, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson.

EXCUSED: Miss Phillips, Mr. Ellwood

Mr. Wilson opened the March 16, 1981 Session Meeting with prayer and a meditation on John 15:8-17

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that the February 16, 1981 be accepted.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Session hire Alexander Campbell Wilson as Assistant Pastor beginning May 15, 1981. He will be paid \$17,500 annually in 12 installments; \$5,000 for housing or manse; one month vacation; Board of Pensions paid; two weeks paid study leave, up to six weeks every three years; \$2,800 car allowance; \$400 health insurance; \$400 study leave yearly; moving expenses from Tonawanda; yearly salary review. The motion was carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gleason, that the Session adopt the following job description contingent upon Reverend Wilson's acceptance of the call. Carried.

A prayer break was held at this time.

Mr. Campbell, Treasurer, discussed the financial report and how to read it. He answered the question concerning the pastor's salary which was raised earlier in the year.

Mr. Ellis moved the Session adopt the corrected budget figure of \$136,215 with a \$9586 deficit. Seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

After a detailed explanation of the Treasurer's report for February 1981, Mr. Wilson moved its acceptance. Seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

Mrs. Hilts told of the progress of the Anti-Casino Gambling Committee in Niagara Falls. The next meeting is April 3. She urged all to write our legislators stating our stand on the issue.

Reverend Stevenson has met with the chairmen of the committees. By the next meeting or so all will be able to report to the Session

Mrs. Gibson spoke on the Southeast Asian Refugee opportunities. The son the Gibsons have has two sisters aged 27 and 16 years who are in Hong Kong. The Lutheran Service Society would like to keep the girls and their brother in the same community. For those still in school their medical, dental and clothing expenses are paid plus \$300 a month. For adults the sponsor is obligated for six months for room, board, clothing, and to help get them work. Informally it was decided to let people know of the two sisters and try to get someone to sponsor them.

Connection, a publication of the Department of Congregational Support of the Presbytery of Western New York, was passed out. Reverend Stevenson called attention to the Elders and Pastors Retreat, May 1-2, at Stella Niagara, which is for equipping lay people for the ministry. There is a need to register early. Help to defray the expenses could come from the special Gift Fund.

At 10:05 Mr. Goddard moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

On March 1, 1981 214 people took communion

#### JOINT BOARD & SESSION MEETING APRIL 20, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Ellwood, Look, Wilson Goddard, Gray, Patch, Crowell, Ellis; Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Mr. Gleason

At 7:30 Reverend Stevenson called the Session to order by reading Jesus' prayer for us from one of the announts of The Last Supper; followed by a prayer.

Three members of the Inquirers' Group were introduced. After an informal getting acquainted period, Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mrs. Rader, that these people be received as members: Carried.

#### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Mrs. Martha W. McMahon

#### TRANSFER OF LETTER

John Wesley Cowan

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sara Jo Cowan

BEcause Sally Cowan is ill, they will all be publicly welcomed in June when the next Inquirers' Group is received during the Sunday Morning Service.

JOINT SESSION - Trustees Meeting 8:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Tompkins; Messers: Campbell, McMahon, Traise



ROBERTSON, Miller, Scott, Tyler, Neil

Mr. Runals was present at the request of Reverend Stevenson.

The issue discussed was the housing situation for Reverend and Mrs. Wilson. After much discussion the following concepts were agreed upon:

1. We will meet our housing Commitment
2. Renting a manse, either house or apartment, is preferable. If
3. The last resort - purchasing a house.

The persons who will work with the Wilson's are: Mrs. Kullmann (Session); Mr. Tyler (Trustees). All are to sound out church members for suitable leads. Mrs. Kullmann was appointed chairman to assist the Wilsons upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

The Minutes for the Special Session meeting, March 2, were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried. Mr. Goddard moved the March 16 minutes be approved, seconded by Dr. Gray. Mr. Ellis wanted his negative vote on Reverend Wilson's call to be in the minutes. Carried.

The Treasurer's report for March 1981 was accepted upon a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

Mrs. Goddard was appointed Assistant Treasurer upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Ellwood. Carried.

Questions were asked about the gift from the Port Ulea Foundation to the Collipp Memoiral Endowment Fund; and the Shaklee District contrinution to the Special Gifts (Pastor's Discretion) Fund. They were satisfactorily answered.

Plans for the installation of Reverend Wilson, June 14, 1981, at the 10:00 Sunday Service were presented. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Rader these will be presented to the Presbytery at the April meeting.

Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, that Reverend Wilson's call be amended to meet the Presbytery requirements that there be an annual review the first two years following Presbytery Procedure. Carried.

Mrs. Rader moved that the First Presbyterian Church sponsor Phan Thi Ho. Mrs. Hilts seconded it. Carried. Phan Thi Ho who is 27 will live with Hazel Krueger. The money raised at the Lenten Luncheons will help to pay for her keep.

The Session needs to hear from the Trustees about the audit and financial review of the Treasurer. Miss Mitchell will contact Mr. Robertson concerning these matters.

The following subjects were briefly discussed:

1. Maundy Thursday - how to get a better attendance.
2. Retreat for Lay Leaders and Clergy, May 1-2, at Stella Niagara Retreat Center.
3. Mr. Ellwood asked for prayers as he is preaching Sunday.
4. More freedom in the Worship. Service was brought up. It will be discussed probably at a no-agenda meeting.
5. Leadership Seminar to be held in May on Wednesday evenings.

At 10:15 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Gibsnon. Several members offered brief prayer, followed by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

On April 5, 214 people took communion

SESSION MINUTES, MAY 18, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Gleason, Wilson, Crowell, Ellis, Look, Patch, Goddard; Rev-  
erend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson, Mr. Campbell.

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Phillips, Dr. Gray, Mr. Ellwood.

So that Reverend Alex Wilson might know the members of the Session better, each introduced herself or himself, and told of some blessing or concern.

Reverend STEvenson read Matthew 25:31, and in the meditation commented that in th  
New Testament, "brother" usually means "Christian".

The minutes for April 20, 1981 were discussed, It was explained that although the church has sponsored Phan Thi Ho there is no legal responsibility involved, only moral. The minutes were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Gibson.

After discussion several variations of a condensed treasurer's report, Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gleason, that the Summary Financial Report most nearly suited our need, providing there also was a complete quarterly report given. Mr. Look moved this motion be tabled unconditionally; seconded by Mr. Bellemore. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved the Treasurer's Report be received, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the personnel Committee, moved that Reverend Wilson's salary start June 1, 1981. Mrs. Rader seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that a contract with Mrs. Marion Aird be for \$3,320 for 10 months (March 1 - December 1, 1981) to be paid in 10 equal installments for her position as Musical Consultant. Carried.

June 14th Reverend Wilson is to be installed as Assistant in the regular morning service. Sunday School will be held as usual, but there will be a reception for Reverend and Mrs. Wilson during the Fellowship and Dialogue hour.

Regular committee reports are due at the June Session Meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved that \$2500 of Reverend Wilson's salary be designated as supplementary housing allowance. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.



A prayer break was held at this time.

Mike Doran, a member of the congregation who is a student of the College of Charleston, S.C., majoring in Marine Biology, plans to spend the summer in the Campus Crusade work at Virginia Beach. He needs \$1146 for this period. If anyone can help him financially, call 791 - 3473.

Mrs. Hilts spoke on Casino Gambling telling of the distressing effect it has had upon Atlantic City in unemployment, welfare, taxes, prostitution, police, downtown churches. Those opposed should unite or call their State Senators and the Assemblymen so as to have it defeated in Committee. This is urgent! A pamphlet published by "No Dice" is to be put in Sunday's churches bulletin.

JUNE COFFEE HOURS - June 7 - Mr. Goddard

14 Personnel Committee

21 Mrs. Hilts

28 Mr. Patch

POLICY No Children are to be permitted to take tea or coffee during the Coffee Hour.

At 9:45 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Wilson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING JUNE 15, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messengers: Wilson, Crowell, Ellis, Gray, Patch, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson; Messengers: Campbell & Robertson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gibson, Miss Phillips, Messengers: Ellwood, Gleason, Look

The June 16, 1981 Session meeting was opened by Reverend Wilson reading from Matthew 27 starting at verse 27. Then he gave a meditation on the meaning of the crucifixion and on our faith, followed by a prayer.

After introductions the following persons were welcomed into church membership upon a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, Carried. They will be publicly received at the July 12 service.

#### TRANSFER OF LETTER

Robert Lee Bailey

Edna Marie Hooper

Jack Tompkins

Seus Marie Walker

#### PROFESSION FAITH

Cynthia Louise Gardiner

Mrs. Edna Hooper and Mr. Robert Bailey were unable to be present

In the May 18 , 1981 minutes the following motion was accidentally omitted. Miss Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that repairs to the organ and pianos up to \$1,000 be paid from the Memorial Fund. Carried. Mr. Wilson moved the May minutes be accepted. Mrs. Hilts seconded the motion. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

The Permanent Endowment Fund now has a principle of \$200,000 in high quality bonds . The donor is adding more principle. At the end of Paragraph #3 of the contract the following statement is to be added:

"Because this a permanent fund designed to provide long-term stability, the intent of this fund is that if bonds are purchased they be held to maturity.

At the end of the Permanent Youth Fund the following statement is to be added:

"Because this is a permanent fund designed to provide long-term stability, the intent of this fund is that if bonds are purchased they be held to maturity.

The session asks the trustees to place "Special Endowment #1" into the the Permanent Endowment Fund.

Then at the end of the statement a new paragraph #6 is to be added:

Each year \$2000 of the interest from this fund will be placed in the "Special Gift Fund" to be used at the pastor's discretion.

Dr. Gray Moved the acceptance of the above package of additions; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Campbell left at this time.

Mrs. Kullmann, speaking for the Manse Search Committee, reported a satisfactory home has been found on Irving Drive. Reverend Wilson has decided to accept as a package, the housing allowance.

Mrs. Bellemore made a motion authorizing Mr. Campbell to write a check from the line item for housing/allowance for the moving expenses of Reverend Wilson. Seconded by Mrs. Bianca. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved the Clerk write Mrs. Kullmann and Mr. Tyler expressing our thanks for their work in finding a home for Reverend Wilson. Seconded by Mrs. Bianca. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP - Mr. Crowell - The committee is shrinking, so more members are to be added.
2. EVANGELISM AND NURTURE - Mr. Ellwood and Mrs. Gibson - Since they were absent, Reverend Stevenson reported one meeting has been held at which it was decided, starting July 18, that a monthly study be held for Bible Fellowship leaders and assistants.
3. YOUTH EDUCATION - Mrs. Bellemore - The revised regulations for the Scholarship Fund were accepted upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Wilson. The regulations now are more inclusive and specific.

Leslie Phillips has been granted a \$200 scholarship as she pursues 6 months of study at the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, California.



Daisy Moore is to be the new Sunday School Superintendent to replace May Jean Bellemore.

David McMahon has requested permission to start a Saturday program for 4th, 5th, 6th graders for 2:00 - 4:00 beginning July 11. His wife will be helping him. The purpose: to provide an outlet for sharing, outreach, evangelism, and growing knowledge of a loving Lord.

Dr. Gray moved the Committee report by received. Seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

4. ADULT EDUCATION - Miss Mitchell - The committee is meeting Thursday noon.

5. PERSONNEL - Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson is going to have an "Article" in the church bulletin to thank the congregation for the reception and those who provided cookies at the June 14 installation of Reverend Wilson.

6. STEWARDSHIP & MISSION - Mrs. Bianca. The committee will meet shortly.

7. WORSHIP - Mr. Patch - Many things are to be considered when the committee meets such as:

- a. the effect of the music on new people coming into the congregation.
- b. need for more enthusiasm and warmth in the music
- c. need for a larger committee
- d. need to bring the Youth Closer to the adult church service so the transition will be easier.

New committee rosters will be published in September.

Ed and Cecilia Badiali who have been on the inactive roll, desire to be restored to the active roll. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Bianca, that this be done. Carried.

Work on the Senior Citizen bus has not been completed.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Crowell, that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Bellemore for her work as Sunday School Superintendent now that she is retiring from this position in September. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Stevenons closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell - Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

On June 6 212 people took communion

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING JUNE 28, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Ellis, Gray, Crowell, Wilson, Patch, Gleason, Ellwood; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson, and Mr. Roverson President of the Board of Trustees.

Reverend Stevenson opened the Special Session Meeting, June 28, 1981 at 12:15 with prayer.

The subject: Lease of a home for Reverend Wilson which a representative of the church will sign. It is a two (2) year lease with no renewable clause, no obligation clause, no cancelable lease clause.

The Presbyterian church traditionally provides housing for its ministers; consequently someone must be authorized to sign the lease.

A motion to authorize the President of the Board of Trustees to sign the rental agreement was made by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

At 12:30 Mr. Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Rev. Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING July 20, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Look, Ellis, Gleason, Ellwood, Gray, Patch Goddard, Mr. Campnell, Treasurer; Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Miss Phillips; Messers: Crowell, Wilson

An informal Session meeting, July 20, 1981, was held at the home of Reverend Stevenson. A prayer opened the meeting. It was followed by a Bible Study of the first chapter of II Timothy. This section of the meeting was concluded by several prayers, and one by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, that the Session minutes for June 15, and the special Session meeting, June 28 be approved. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore seconded by Mr. Patch, an amendment was made to delete the following sentences from the June 15 minutes. "These statements are an attempt to put into words the original intent of the policy Fund and is not binding. There is no intent to stipulate where to place it (the funds)" Carried. The motion to approved the minutes as amended was carried.

Approval for 5 baptisms was given upon a motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded, by Dr. Gray, July 26: Daniel Banas, Matthew Hodgins, Brittany Lee Moore; August 9: Robert Gardner, Kevin Lee Waler. Carried.



The Church busses to pick up our youth are reaching the stage where they need extensive repairs. The Ransomville Coach Lines will rent a bus each Sunday for \$30.00. This includes everything but the gas which we will pay for. Also Mr. Bellemore must be the driver. If he cannot drive, and they provide the driver, the charge including gas will be \$80.00 a Sunday. Mrs. Bellemore moved we rent a bus from the Ransomville Coach Lines for \$30.00 a Sunday, plus gas, when Mr. Bellemore, is the driver, otherwise it is \$80.00 This is a week to week contract. Seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, Mr. Bellemore is authorized to dispose of the two student busses we now own. Carried.

In 1956 Dr. Rooker gave stock to the church. From the dividends thereof awards for Bible knowledge were to be given. If not so done, then assistance to a theological seminary student could be given. In 1966 this money became a Scholarship Fund with rules that it be given to students going into Christian service. Now seems to be the time to return again to the original concept. Mr. Look moved that the Bibles given for memory work in 1981 be paid for from the Scholarship Fund and that the matter of revision of the fund policy statement, to cover both intentions of the donor, be referred to the Youth Education Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

The Clerk read the letter from Robert M. Davidson, Moderator, 193rd General Assembly (1981) about the action of affirmation concerning the Person and Work of Jesus Christ.

There will be a short Session Meeting, Sunday, Aug. 16, to receive new members.

At 9:30 Mrs. Kullmann moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried. Reverend Stevenson offered the closing prayer. Refreshments were served in the dining room.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

#### Statistics of the Month of July '81

On July 13, 146 people took communion

## SESSION MINUTES September 21, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullman, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell:  
Messers: Gleason, Gray, Ellis, Crowell, Patch, Goddard, Look; Reverend  
Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gibson, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bellemore, Messers: Ellwood, Wilson

The reading of Psalm 138 by Reverend Stevenson opened the Session meeting, September 21, 1981. It is a Psalm of thanksgiving and praise, answered prayer, guidance of the Lord. After this, each one present shared a blessing from God; followed with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

The minutes for July 20 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann.

A new format for the Treasurer's report was passed out. Mr. Look moved the report for September 1 be received, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Crowell, seconded by Dr. Gray the July 1, 1981 and August 1, 1981 Treasurer's reports were received. Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Pastoral Care and Fellowship - Mr. Crowell announced one member has been added to this Committee.

Reverend Wilson is going to initiate a church newsletter. The newsletter is needed because this is a heterogeneous congregation. People should know about what is happening in other segments of the congregation. They discussed how to keep in touch with young members and drop outs. Maybe name tags may be used once a month in the Fellowship Hour so people will get to know each other name.

Mr. Look moved this report be received. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

2. No report of the Evangelism and Nurture Committee in the absence of Mr. Ellwood.

3. Although Mrs. Bellemore was absent, the following informal information concerning the Youth Education Committee was given. Glory Hiller has been added to the committee. Ed Hiller is the co-ordinator for the Little Church. The Youth have retreat dates for both Fall and Spring.

4. Adult Education Committee Mr. Goddard reported the Lay School Program has been sent to the congregation. The film series is being well received. The Lay School awards are scheduled to be given in the September 27th church service. Discipleship Training Program scheduled for Wednesday evenings will start at a later date.

5. Stewardship & Mission - Mrs. Bianca reported the committee has met twice. They felt the committee should be active year round, not just in the fall. Mr. Wynn is to be this year's Stewardship Chariman. October 3, Dr. Ralph Winter will be the speaker at missionary dinner.

It was suggested that an item be included in the church bulletin as to where the Major Mission Fund stands to date in this congregation.

Mr. Patch reported there are three full teams of ushers. Mr. Carey Tyler, the co-ordinator, has resigned due to lack of time. Mrs. Gibson will call Session members to serve communion, and make assignments.



Mr. Jerry Nowak, adult bus co-ordinator, has resigned. Mr. Patch moved that the Session let the Trustees assume full responsibility for furnishing transportation for the Adult Bus Program; i.e. making business arrangements. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Patch moved the Session write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Nowak, thanking him for the years of service he has given to the Adult Bus Program. Seconded by Mrs. Bianca. Carried.

Church Music Program: Mr. Patch and Mrs. Kullmann represent the Session. Mrs. Peggy Skinner and Mrs. Jane Stone have added to the committee and represent the congregation.

Mr. Patch moved that the Junior Church members stay in the Adult service through the children's sermon. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Mr. Crowell moved this report be approved. Seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Look moved the Session ask the Trustees to provide transportation as needed for other youth programs. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

2. Mr. Patch moved the Session ask the Trustees to provide transportation to the church for the youth and families. Seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

3. Mr. Goddard moved the Trustees be authorized to dispose of the 3 church buses as they see fit. Seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

4. Upon a motion by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Crowell, approval was given for the following baptisms.

- a. Natalie Jane Tompkins 8/4/81
- b. Jon Michael Gravanti born 7/9/81

5. There will be no No-Agenda meeting in Oct.

6. Permanent Endowment Fund: - To be discussed at the Oct. Session meeting. addition to Page 2 of the Permanent Endowment Fund: "added to this fund to the revised date above."

7. Mr. Patch told of offensive program on Public T.V. of Bernsteins Mass (1971). It was a slam at all faiths. He objected to the use of taxpayers money to support a program like this on Channel 17. It was suggested the Ministerial Association, the Presbytery, Congressman LaFalce be alerted to this.

8. In February the Session suggested the Trustees recommend the Treasurer's books be audited. It was asked what has been done to date in this question.

Mr. Goddard moved the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann.

At 9:25 Reverend Wilson closed the Session meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eligbeth Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell-clerk of session

# STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1981

On Aug. 31 2164 people communion

On Sept 6, 160 people took communion

## SESSION MEETING: October 19, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; MESSERS: Look, Crowell, Gleason, Ellwood, Gray, Ellis, Goddard, Patch; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson, and Mr. Campbell, Treasurer.

ABSENT: Mr. Wilson; Miss Phillips - who is now studying at the World Mission Center Pasadena, California, so will be absent the remaining months of her term as Elder.

The Session meeting, October 19, 1981, was opened by Reverend Stevenson reading selected verses is going to take under his/her wing one of the missing members who formerly was active in one of the Boards. This was followed by prayer.

The Session minutes for September 21, 1981 were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. The question of auditing the Treasurer's books is left over. Mr. Robertson, President of the Trustees, will attend the November Session meeting where this will be discussed.

Because this is the end of the quarter, Mr. Campbell, Treasurer, explained the report and state of finances. Mr. Ellwood moved the report be received, seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

Since the Permanent Endowment Fund Guide needs further up dating before it is accepted, discussion was informally postponed until the November Session meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### 1. Stewardship and Mission

- a. Mrs. Bianca was pleased so many of the church boards come to the officer's night dinner because they can pass the information to the congregation.
- b. Mr. Fred Wynn will speak at Sunday's service on pledging.
- c. About 125 attended a successful Mission Dinner. The subject as to what we as a church are doing to meet the needs of the "hidden people" came up. A Frontier Fellowship, new in the Presbyterian Church, is being formed. Also each month there will be an informal home where the Pollocks who have been builders in the Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya will speak. It is planned that on the first Friday evening of each month there will be such a meeting. December's meeting will be at the home of Reverend Stratton.
- d. Donna Buehler who plans to teach missionary children in Guatemala, needs financial support.
- e. Mrs. Bianca moved the The Layman receive the church's mailing list so every family in the congregation can receive this informative paper free. Seconded by Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Bellemore moved to amend the motion so that a sample copy be sent to every family, and on an enclosed card, sign and return to the church their desire to receive this publication. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. This amendment was carried. The motion as amended was carried.



## 2. Communion

Mrs. Kullmann said the committee needs help to clean up the glasses after communion. Usually the Elders who participate are expected to help when possible.

## 3. Budget & Finance All chairmen of a regular Session Committee are on this committee

4. Nominating Since Miss Phillips is in California, studying, the Nominating Committee needs another Session member. Mr. Ellwood nominated Mrs. Rader, seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

There will be no No-Agenda meeting in November.

4. Worship Reverend Wilson told of the plan to have Session members help plan each month's worship service, and participate in one service. The Elders suggested for November are: Mrs. Bellemore, Mr. Patch, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Hilts. They will meet with the pastors, October 28, at 10:00 a.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Men of the congregation are encouraged to meet Saturday Mornings for prayer 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast.

2. The Bible Study Fellowships are having an Open House for the whole congregation, December 12, at the Stevensons.

3. Church Boards Retreat: The members present feel it is a good idea but there should be more time for fellowship on the weekend.

4. Young people are on a retreat this weekend - 27 of them - and they are sponsoring an all Church Hallowe'en Party Oct. 30th at the church. Then really want the adults to attend.

5. Trustees are to be asked to make arrangements for extra transportation when requested, not just given an O.K.

6. The subject of the high level of noise in the church before the service begins was talked about. Several suggestions were offered: prayer, teachers talk to their classes, the Prelude for the day be spoken about, were only a few ideas!

7. The Mission of the Church in the next 10 years. Basic ideas which the Planning Committee helped formulate were passed out. It was decided to discuss specifically one item on the 1st at each meeting, having been notified of the specific one in the Agenda which is mailed early. Also it should be placed early in the meeting. This would give the Session time to pray about it, think about it, and have some constructive thoughts.

At 9:40 Mr. Goddard moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Reverend Wilson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

## SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

On Oct. 4, 194 people took communion

SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Mitchell;  
Messers: Look, Ellis, Gleason, Gray, Wilson, Goddard, Patch, Ellwood,  
Crowell; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca

Mr. Wilson led the devotions which called the November 16, 1981 Session meeting to order. He read a quotation from Bruce Larson which called the bar a counterfeit church." After exploring the differences and philosophy of the two diverse "organizations", the conclusion was that the church should be a loving, caring community in love with God and that it offers more to a person than the bar. Sentence prayers followed.

As of November 15, 1981 the church has received 163 pledges with \$67,800 pledged. The average pledge is \$416. 91 are new or increased. About a dozen percentage pledges were received.

An hour's discussion on the mission of the congregation for the next 10 years ensued. Suggestions to reach the various groups with the church family included the concept already stated, namely the building of congregations with the congregation (Bible Fellowship Groups); more friendliness and love displayed to all during the Fellowship Hour.

In outreach, carpools are becoming a necessity in today's society; film series attracts people; regular notices in the Gazette, Saturday morning issue are good. Youth work is no important because when youth comes and is interested, parents come. Need for more activities which would attract singles and young married couples. There is a need for more communication between groups. The suggestion was made that at the No-agenda meetings, there be a follow-up on Session discussions.

The minutes for October 19, 1981 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

The Treasurer's report for October 1981 was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

~~The Treasurer's report for October 1981 was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wilson,~~

Mr. Goddard, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the slates for the three Boards are still incomplete. Each incoming member is impressed that Monday evenings should be available for the meetings; attendance at the Retreat is "a must", and there will be an orientation meeting, December 7th, 1981 at the church.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Board of Trustees, arrived at this time and presented the following problems.

- (1) Many repairs already completed need to be paid for. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Goddard, that \$5,000 be taken from the Legacy Fund for this purpose. Carried.
- (2) The dining room floor needs to have another coat of finish applied. Bids for this range from \$840 to \$4000. He suggested people volunteer to do the work and some one offer to be the crew boss.
- (3) The Junior High Sunday School class room needs a bulletin board but as it meets in the Chapel Lounge, an ordinary one is not favored. Suggestions were made and will be looked into.
4. At the Session's December meeting there will be a discussion concerning an accounting system to satisfy our needs. Sheets with the "proposed Composition of



the various Funds to be Established in the Church Accounting System" were passed out to be studied before the next meeting. Also sheets about the "Proposed Revision of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Fund" were given out for study.

Mr. Rovertson then left.

Advent begins November 29. The following members were asked to participate in the planning session, Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Look, Mr. Ellwood.

To guide Mr. Campbell in paying substitute organists and choir directors for 1981, Mr. Goddard moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, that the pay for the rest of 1981 be based on the guidelines adopted at the July 14, 1980 Session meeting. Carried.

December Coffee Hour: December 6 - Mr. Ellwood 13 - Dr. Gray & Mr. Look  
December 20 - Mr. Goddard - December 27 Mrs. Hilts

The Clerk read a letter from Roger D. Kemp concerning the contributions of Alma Wilson, and Reverend Wilson to the Task Force on Small Churches in the Presbytery of Western New York. It was decided to have a news article on this in the Newsletter.

As chairman of the Youth Education Committee, Mrs. Gibson moved the following policy, seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

#### YOUTH AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

It is our present policy to welcome children to the Lord's Supper following the procedures of our Book of Government.

We feel the decision to unite with the church is an adult decision, and should generally not be made until the high school years. Young people are invited to attend the Inquirers' Groups at any time. We do not plan to offer a special "youth" membership class or inquirers' group. We feel that it is both good for the young people to prepare for membership with the adults, and good for the adults to have young people in their group.

Mrs. Bellemore also moved the following revised statement of the purpose of the Scholarship Fund; seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

PURPOSE: The Scholarship Fund shall be used to encourage the memorizing of Scripture, such as Bible awards or other prizes for children who have memorized a required number of verses.

The Scholarship Fund shall be available also for scholastic purposes for those preparing for full-time Christian service, or specific Christian training to equip themselves for lay ministry. Etc. (no further changes)

The Session Retreat, scheduled at the Beacon Motel for the last weekend in January 1982, is going to have Keith Brown of the First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, Pa., as leader.

Mr. Patch raised the issue of the high increase Blue Cross is requesting for the retired members. The Task Force of the Presbytery of Western New York is going to consider the issue and alert the churches in the Presbytery.

At 10:25 Mr. Ellwood moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session

On Nov. 1 235 took communion

On Nov.

SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER '81

On Dec. 6th 260 people took communion

JOINT BOARDS MEETINGS, January 18, 1982

SESSION: PRESENT: Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gleason, Ellis, Crowell, Look, Gray, Ellwood P. Wilson Patch; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hilts, Mr. Goddard.

TRUSTEES: PRESENT: Mrs. Tompkins: Messers: Robertson, Scott, Miller, Dooley, Mc Mahon, Traise( come at 8:15) Bill Campbell-Treasurer.

Reverend Stevenson opened the Joint board's meeting, January 18, 1982, by reading from Matthew 28. Jesus told his disciples to go, make disciples, baptize, teach. All this ties in with the vision for this church.

Mr. Robertson, President of the Trustees, then presented the budget for 1982. He moved the Budget and Finance Committee be approved. Paul Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Paul Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scott, moved to delete from the proposed budget the \$1680 included for the Westminster Choir which is being disbanded. It was carried by a margin of 2 votes.

Mr. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. McMahon, that the \$250 in the budget for the youth camping program be raised to \$1,000. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved that the Cost of Living adjustment for all personnel except the Pastors and music be raised 9% instead of 5%. Mrs. Bianca seconded the motion. Carried.

The budget as amended three times was passed. It will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, January 24, at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Robertson moved that the interest from the Memorial Fund be used to help finance budgeted benevolences. Seconded by Mr. Ellwood. The words "for this year only" were included by agreement of Mr. Robertson and Mr. Ellwood. The motion as amended was passed.

The Boards then parted for their own meetings.

The minutes for December 14 were adopted upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

Mr. Ellis raised the question of the ethics involved in the concept included in the December 14 minutes that money slated for Koinonia could be given to the church for this purpose and be then used as a tax deduction. The I.R.S. says this is legal. It is truly an ethical issue.



Mr. Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, that the Session records show that the result of the session request made in September to have the audited for 1981 is that it will not be carried out by the Trustees because of the expense. Carried

The December financial report contained a missplaced line item. Mr. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Paul Wilson, that the O&B fund reimburse the Youth Program for \$232.00 to cover the bus cost for the Duffield Retreat. It should have been taken from the bus line item. Carried.

The Treasurer's report for December 1981 was received upon a motion by Mr. Paul Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ellwood.

Mr. Ellwood, chairman of the Evangelism and Nurture Committee, presented plans to extend the Bible Study Fellowships to 20 during Lent for a study on Mark for which lesson plans and leader aids are being prepared. There will be interviews during 3 church services preceeding Lent and buttons to wear. Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, that there be this expansion of Bible Study Fellowships during Lent. Carried.

Mr. Bianca presented the following suggestions for the Session Structure in 1982:

1. Divide the Stewardship and Mission Committee into two distinct committees which will meet year round. Fred Wynn has agreed to chair the Stewardship Committee.
2. From the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee delete these two responsibilities:
  - (a) The session fellowship groups.
  - (b) Program for the annual meeting.

The following responsibilities will be added:

- (a) Recommendations for the congregational roll.
- (b) The President of the Rainbow Club, not the Director, to be a member of this committee.
- (c) Add the Pastoral Assistants to the committee.
3. On the Worship Committee there be a representative of the choir rather than the Choir Director.
4. The first meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee should be in October.

Reverend Alexander Wilson's 30th anniversary of ordination will be March 27, 1982.

So that the Trust Funds status be clarified, Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that a task force be appointed to collect and present the information. The Moderator is to choose two Session members; the President of the Trustees is to select two members; others are to be appointed as necessary. Carried.

The \$320 included in the Budget Benevolences but unstated has been decided. Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by Mr. Gleason, that (1) \$100 go for the Presbyterians United for Missions Advance, Western New York. (2) \$220 go to the Community of Christian Outreach. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that Jim Scott represent the church on the Presbyterians United for Missions Advance, Western New York. Carried. Mrs. Bianca is treasurer of this organization.

Ed Hiller is rejoining the Aircorps. He and Glory, his wife, have been very active in the Westminster Choir and he was Superintendent of the Little Church. A letter of thanks and best wishes will be written to them.

At 10:30 Mrs. Bellemore moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Rader. Reverend Alex Wilson gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1982

On Jan 3'82 178 people took communion

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 24, 1982

The Annual Congregational Meeting, January 24, 1982 was called to order with prayer by Reverend Stevenson at 11:00 A.M.

Mr. Paul Wilson moved the annual report of the Clerk of Session be accepted as it appears on page 7 of the printed report. Seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

The minutes for the January 25, 1981 Annual Congregational Meeting were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Patch when the term of office for Mr. Ellwood was corrected to 1982, not 1981 Carried. The minutes appear on page 3 of the Annual Report.

Mr. Goddard, chairman of the Nominating Committee, nomonated the following slate for Elders: Mr. Rovert Bailey, Mrs. Blanche Belin, Miss Helen Fox, Mr. Larry Moore, Mr. James Scott, Mrs. Elaine Wynn.

As there were not other nominations Mr. Ellwood moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mrs. Runals. Carried.

Mr. Robertson then presided at the 157th Annual Corporation Meeting.

On pages 34-35 of the published Annual Report is the report of the President of the Trustees. Mr. Crowell moved, seconded by Mr. Ellwood, this report be accepted. Carried.

The Treasurer's report for 1981 pages 38-56 of the printed Annual Report, was received and approved upon a motion by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Scott. Carried.

Mr. Wynn, chairman of the Stewardship and Mission Committee, spoke of the 21% increase in amount pledged for 1982. Graphs appear on pages 22, 23 which show this.

The budget for 1982 appears on the white sheets at the end of the Annual Report. It is a \$10,784 deficit bedget with a deficit carry over of \$2958 from 1981. Mr. Jack Scott moved the proposed budget be received and approved. Seconded by Mr. Paul Wilson. Carried.



Mr. Goddard nominated the following people to be Trustees: Miss Jean Hackenheimer, Mr. Fred Igou, Mrs. Juanita Look, Mr. Dave Lucas, Mr. Crowell, seconded by Mr. Bellemore, moved the nominations be closed. Carried. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate upon a motion by Mr. Paul Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Bianca. Carried.

Mr. Robertson thanked the people for the support given him.

The meeting was then turned back to Reverend Stevenson, Moderator.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. Kullmann, that the report of the Deacons be received as it appears on pages 32-33 of the printed report. Carried.

Mr. Goddard nominated the following slate: 3 year term: Mr. John Cowan, Mrs. Bonnie Felstead, Mrs. Delta LaDue, Mrs. Jean Wolfgang; 2 year term: Mrs. Jackie Ellwood, Mr. Greg Lidgett; 1 year term: Mrs. Linda Burmaz, Mrs. Cherul Gleason, Mrs. Peggy Patch.

Mr. Ellwood moved the nominations be closed; and the Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Mrs. Tutt. Carried.

On page 5 is the Pastor's report. Reverend Stevenson then read the concept of the Mission of the church and the congregation for the next 10 years. An Assistant Minister was needed to help in the growth and planning for this church. This year, within a week or shortly thereafter, the Pastor plans to visit all local people who were guests at a Sunday Service.

During Lent there will be an extension of the number of Bible Study Groups. It is a step in faith with the adoption of this deficit budget.

The following members of the congregation were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1982. Mrs. Adrienne Miller, Mr. Ralph Robertson, Mrs. Janet Bianca, Mrs. Ann Dunlop.

Mr. Look moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Patch. Carried. The Clerk was authorized to cast one ballot for the slate upon a motion by Mr. Paul Wilson, seconded by Mr. Lucas. Carried.

Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Ciesielski, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Carried.

At 12:40 Mr. Paul Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Lucas. Reverend Wilson offered a prayer and gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MINUTES, February 15, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Wynn, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Scott, Patch, Ellis, Bailey, Moore, Gray, Gleason, Look: Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Miss Foc, Mr. Ellwood

GUESTS: Reverend Donald Brown, Mrs. Beverly Dunn, Mr. Jack Scott

As is the custom, the annual organizational meeting of the Session began with a meditation by Reverend Stevenson, and a candlelight communion, February 15, 1982.

Mr. Jack Scott, President of the Trustees, told of the Board of Pension's decision to bill churches quarterly rather than the customary monthly payments. There will be a 60 day grace only in 1982. This system will save \$50,000 a year. The Ministerial Relations Committee of the Presbytery is to be contacted if there are any questions or comments.

The Delaware Organ Company has offered an organ maintenance contract which guarantees 2 service calls a year for \$610.00. Since only \$100 was budgeted for organ maintenance and we have deficit budget, the Trustees are requesting \$600.00 for 1982 only from the Memorial Fund. Mrs. Kullmann moved that for 1982 only, \$600.00 be taken from the Memorial Fund for this purpose. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann nominated Elizabeth Mitchell to be Clerk of Session, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Mr. Patch moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Carried.

Mr. Leslie Ellis and Mr. James Patch were nominated to be delegates to the Presbytery. Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mrs. Rader, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

Alternates nominated to the Presbytery were Mrs. Rader and Miss Mitchell. Mrs. Bellemore moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

Mrs. Rader nominated Mrs. Kullmann to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Belin was nominated by Mrs. Hilts to be on the nominating Committee. Mr. Patch moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Carried.

The Session Committee Structure for 1982 was given out. The changes are: Stewardship is now a separate committee as also is the Mission Committee. An Ecumenical Affairs Comm. has been added. Mrs. Bellemore moved the acceptance of the Session Committee Structure and Special Committees; seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

Lists of committee assignments for 1982 given out.

Delegates to the Council of Churches for 1982 are Mr. Look and Mr. Wilson.

The Phoning Committee is composed of Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Patch, Mrs. Bellemore, Mr. Scott.

The following joining the church by letters of transfer: Mr. Ed Van Valkinburgh, Mrs. Joan VanValkinburg, Mr. James VanValkinburg; (North Church North Ton.) Mrs. Ada Van Valkinburg, (St. James Methodist, Cohoes, N.Y.) upon a motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

Mr. Fred Wynn and Mrs. William Gibson, members of the Stewardship Committee, came at this time to hear Reverend Donald Brown present the Presbytery's Stewardship Commitment Program. About 1/3 of the churches of the Presbytery participated in 1981.



Another 1/3 is expected to participate in 1982. Mrs. Beverly Dunn of Wrights Corner Church said in 1981 there had been a 41% increase in pledges.

The purpose of the program is to get more money. We believe we have God - the best product; the Holy Spirit - the source of power; the life of Christ - the compelling example. The Presbytery does care and knows churches need more money, not just to keep up with inflation. People volunteer their time to assist the congregation. We talked about our successes, plans and dreams for greater service. The theme of this Stewardship Commitment Program is "Love So Amazing. There is a Stewardship Covenant for each church joining to sign. Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that for each church joining to sign. Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that participation in this program be referred to the Stewardship Committee. Carried.

Before he and Mrs. Dunn left, Reverend Brown offered a prayer.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Gleason, the January 18 minutes and those of the Congregational Meeting, Jan. 24th were approved. A few typing errors in the Congregational minutes were pointed out.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, seconded by Mr. Look, the Treasurer's report for January be received. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson said that he had given a misimpression when at the last meeting he said Mrs. Ellis had been unable to attend the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee meetings. They had had two meetings. She attended one, but could not attend the second because of the Rainbow meeting. She is Director of the Club.

In order to stay within the budget the Bulletin mailings it may be necessary to omit one or more mailings a month. Mr. Look moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that permission be granted for the necessary changes in mailing of the bulletin. Carried.

In order to bring the scale for payment of substitute organists and choir directors into line with the budget, Mrs. Belin moved the increase this year be 5%, not 10% as planned and the policy booklet sheet on payment of substitute organists and choir directors be amended to that effect. Seconded by Mrs. Bellemore. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mr. Gleason, that \$2,000 of each minister's salary be designated as supplemental housing allowance. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved the church host the Ash Wednesday Communion Service for the Council of Churches. Seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

At the March Session meeting there will be a discussion of Plans for the New Trends in 1982.

Coffee Hour: - March 7 - Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader - March 14 - Mrs. Hilts - March 21 - Mr. Scott, Mr. Moore - March 28 Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Gibson

The subject of communication between the ministers and Session as to their activities arose. A vote of confidence was given the ministers upon a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

As long as Reverend Wilson is active in First Church he may use the Church as home office for the National Office for the United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. Mrs. Bellemore made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.


Ash Wednesday at 6:00 o'clock there is to be a Pot Luck Supper at the Church.

Wednesday, February 17, plans will be made for the March Church Services.

Committees should have designated meeting dates whether they meet regularly or not.

At 10:28 Mrs. Hilts moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Bellemore. Reverend Wilson offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted



Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

On Feb. 7'82 205 people took communion

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES March 15, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gleason, Look, Moore, Ellwood, Gray, Patchin, Ellis, Bailey; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Scott

Reverend Wilson conducted the opening devotions for the March meeting. The essence of his remarks was that disciplined reading meets our needs.

The minutes for the February 15, 1982 were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mr. Gray,

Policy Booklets and the constitution were distributed.

In considering that the church become more strongly mission-oriented in next 10 years, several definitions were helpful. Mission is reaching out into the world beyond the local congregation; going throughout the world. Ministry is reaching out within the body of Christ, i.e. local emphasis. Present mission activities; budget, people, M.M.F., New Wilmington Conference, Refugees. Local activities: class for the retarded, hosting visitors, busing, Lenten luncheons, cosmopolitan congregation, ecumenical issues (social).



Future activities: tourist families, God is alive in the city, sign in the Mall, involvement with people, youth workcamp (needs adult drivers).

Mrs. Rader gave the Mission Committee Report.

1. Since Reverend Rice is no longer in Korea, new missionaries have been selected. Mrs. Rader moved that Reverend Carlson and Reverend Heasty be designated as our missionary persons for 1982-900 each. Seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

2. April 25th will be Hidden People's Sunday - explanation of the "loose change" fellowship.

3. PUMA - Presbyterian United for Mission advance, Mrs. Rader moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore, that the Fall Mission Conference be held October 15, 16, 17 with PUMA, as clear does for the congregation. Carried.

4. Living Bibl Fund Raising Dinner - March 18, Niagara Hilton.

5. People signed up to house foreign students, May 21-22 upon a request by Carl Templin from Pittsburgh.

At this time there was a shared prayer break.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STEWARDSHIP - Dr. Gray said that plans are being made to designate March 28 as the One Great Hour of Sharing.

2. PASTORAL CARE: Miss Fox gave a plan for checking on inactive members. Also there are plans for new Pictorial Church directory in October.

3. Youth Education

a. Mrs. Bellemore spoke of the need for a leader for the Little Church. If no one can be found within a month Little Church will have to be scrapped.

b. Bulletin boards - Mr. Sangster is now working on them.

c. "The Pit" is undesirable for classes as it is cold, and the other available space is too small for the class. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that Mrs. Bellemore attend the meeting of the Trustees and request help on this matter. Carried.

d. Mr. Gleason announced 4 camps for youth from grade school to Senior High have been organized for this summer. Around 40 will attend.

4. WORSHIP: Mr. Patch moved there be a Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion Service to be held in the Fellowship Hall. Seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved communion be given March 28 instead of April 4, Palm Sunday. Seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

Reverend Wilson spoke of his long involvement in the U.P. Frontier Fellowship and his fellowship and work in it.

Reverend Stevenson spoke of his duties in the Presbytery.

a. Personnel Committee member

b. On. Board of the Presbyterian Homes in Lockport

c. Chairman of the E.D.T. Committee (Elder, Deacons, Trustee). May 14, 15 at the Beacon Motel there is planned a retreat with Lyle Schaller, a famous church planner. The registration fee is \$17.00. Those going to stay over night should make their room reservations by the end of March.

A special session meeting was called to order April 5, 1982, by Reverend Stevenson who read from Matthew 20 the parable of the laborers in the vineyard the meditation which followed he stated all are equal in grace whether they have had it for a long time or have just received it. Prayer followed.

The Session members and the new members introduced themselves by telling a little about themselves. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Belin, the following people were received into membership:

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Paul Kenneth Devitt

Mary C. Davis

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Bruce W. Cyphers

Linda D. Cyphers

John Michael Conroy

Patricia Jean Conroy

Betty Ruth Devitt

REAFFIRMATION

Betty Ruth Cyphers

James Henry Burr III

Judith Ann Burr

John Conroy, Mrs. Patricia Conroy and Mrs. May Davis were unable to be present but were received into membership.

East Sunday April 11,, they will be publicly received during the service.

After these new members left, the Session met to discuss and create a philosophy of ministry for itself in leading the church.

The philosophy is a statement of what God wants us to do as a church; i.e. our ministry or mission.

If we have philosophy it helps to keep us on the right tract; it is a plumb line for the measurment of what we do as a church.

In the nsusing discussion the Session realized a philosophy involves two facts:

purpose and process.

The following two philosophies were evolved. The Session members are to think and pray about them so that one may be sleected as our own philosophy, or present ideas they receive.

1. Christ's love for me.

Christ's love for one another

Christ's love for the world.

Loving God.

2. To let Christ love us.

To live Christ's love with each other. To Share Christs love with others.

Mr. Patch told more about the Maundy Thrusday service to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30. Also people volunteered to clean up the communion cups.

Mrs. Belin Thanked the session for the cards and prayers on her behalf.

At 9:45 the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Reverend Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

Clerk of Session



Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the following out of town members be transferred to the inactive rool: Daniel B. Collipp, Miss Anna Marie Matyevich, Mrs. Wilma Montagna, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Iris A. Ziehl, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McGee. Carried.

Mrs. Rader moved, seconded by Dr. Gray, that James Patch, Peggy Patch, Roger Crowell be elected Pastoral Assistants for 1982. Carried.

Mr. Look, representative to The Council of Churches, spoke of the role of Court Observers. Now they seek permission to go into Family Court.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Lackey Plaza, co-sponsored by the Council of Churches and The Salvaton Army,

Mrs. Bellemore moved the petition for mutual USSA/USA freeze on nuclear weapons be referred to the Ecmenicial Committee. Seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

March 27th is the 30th anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Wilson. March 28 the church is having a buffet dinner at 12:30 to honor and "roast" him.

Mrs. Hilts moved, seconded by Dr. Gray, that the Youth Education Committee with Mr. Moore as coordinator, plan procedures to evacuate the church and Sunday School in case of fire. Carried.

There is no Treasurer's report available for March.

Mrs. Rader moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, tha the clerk appoint 2 people to talk with Rverend Stevenson and Mr. Ellis on some problems. Carried.

At 9:15 Mrs. Rader moved the meeting be adjurned, seconded by Miss Fox. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

#### SATASTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

On March 7 255 people took communion

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING April 5, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullman,, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Moore, Look, Ellwood, Patch; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gibson, Miss Fox,; Messers: Gleason, Ellis, Gray, Scott, Bailey

SESSION MEETING April 19, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Wynn, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gleason, Moore, Look, Ellis, Bailey, Gray, Ellwood, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: James Patch

ABSENT: Messers: Scott

The devotions for the Session Meeting, April 19, 1982 were led by Reverend Wilson. He told how the movie about the life of Eric Liddell was written. He pointed out the power of Liddell's life: 1. He refused to run an Olympics race on Sunday (but did not give up the Olympics Games. 2. has inspired people to become missionaries 3. shows language doesn't have to be degraded. Prayer followed.

The minutes for March 15 and April 5 were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Mrs. Wynn. Carried.

Since a new bookkeeping system is being set up, there was no treasurer report.

At the April 5 Session meeting, two philosophies of ministry for 1982 were presented. After discussion Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that #2 be adopted. It states: To let Christ Love us, To live Christ's love with each other, To share Christ's love with others.

Then come the question as how to implement these concepts. These are some of the suggestions:

1. Check present programs and see how they fulfill the requirements of this philosophy. Do this through session committee structure.
2. Keep in touch with retired Elders.
3. Commit ourselves to this philosophy.
4. Share this philosophy with the Trustees and the Deacons.
  - a. Ask chairmen and committees to see how they fit and how they can improve i.e. share and learn together.
  - b. To explain the philosophy and why we have it. Mrs. Bellemore and Mr. Ellwood are going to go to a Trustees meeting. Mrs. Belin and Dr. Gray will go to Deacon's meeting.

We divided into 6 groups and had a 15 minutes prayer break.

Mr. Jack Scott, President of the Board of Trustees, arrived at this time.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Stewardship Dr. Gray stated the training date for the Presbytery Stewardship Program is May 5 at 7:30 at Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dr. Gray moved First Church participate in the Presbytery Stewardship Program, and that the Clerk of Session sign the commitment sheet.
2. Personnel- Mr. Bailey chairman, moved that the Session authorize payment of the Financial secretary's salary (as well as the treasurer's salary) to Bill Campbell on an interim basis until the Personnel Committee can recommend a longer range staff configuration. Seconded by Mr. Ellwood. The question was moved by Mr. Ellwood, second by Mr. Gleason. Carried. The main motion was carried.



3. Pastoral Care and Fellowship: Mrs. Wynn stated the church membership rolls are being updated by this process:

- a. Inactive member is contacted by phone and asked if they need something. Are told they are missed.
- b. Asked to sign an "I-Am-Here" card when they do attend a service.
- c. Letter from the pastors which states that if they do not attend church within a month, they will be placed upon the inactive roll.
- d. Wait a month. If there is no contact, a final letter is sent telling them they have been placed on the inactive roll, and how they can be restored to the active list.

Seconded by Mr. Rader. Carried.

Mr. Scott read a letter from Mrs. Ellis, Director of the Rainbow Club, and presented a check for postage refund to the church. Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mrs. Wynn, the check be returned. Mr. Ellwood moved the motion be tabled; seconded by Mr. Moore. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, seconded by Mrs. Ginson, that a committee, 3 from Session, 3 from the Rainbow Club, be selected to pursue and share discussions to help the Session better understand the purposes and programs of the Rainbow Club, and to explain to the Rainbow Club the spiritual priorities of the Session to pursue activities conducive to the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to heal the wounds and mend the hurts that have been experienced by members of the church family.

After lengthy discussion Mr. Look called for the vote on the question, seconded by Miss Fox. Carried. The main motion was carried.

Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Ellwood were nominated to be the Session representatives, Mrs. Rader moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried. The clerk is to write a letter to the Rainbow Club President concerning this matter.

The Session then returned to committee reports.

4. Mission: Mrs. Rader said that Hidden Peoples Sunday is April 25, Booklets The Plot from the Frontier Fellowships were passed out.

5. Youth Education: Mrs. Bellemore took the problems to the Trustees. They plan to install a dehumidifier in the big, damp basement room.

Leslie Phillips has organized a Sunday School Class for the Vietnamese in the church.

Mr. Gleason announced a congregation-wide-pot-luck dinner, June 13, after church to honor the graduating seniors. Also the committee is renting vans rather than busses to take the youth to camp. Drivers are needed for the 12 or 15 passenger vans.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. January 18 a committee was formed as a task force to clarify the trust funds of the church. They will probably be able to report at the June meeting.

2. At the Shaller Retreat, May 14, 15, at the Beacon Motor another woman is needed to room with Mrs. Hilts.

3. To date there has been no meeting of the committee to meet with Reverend Stevenson and Mr. Ellis.

There is lack of spiritual life among today's youth. April 27th there will be a meeting at Forest Avenue Church of God with representatives from many denominations for the purpose of inviting Young Life to work, in Niagara Falls, The church needs representatives to go this meeting.

Dr. Gray announced enrollment for Bethel classes in the fall will be held in May.

The Bible Study Fellowship which Mrs. Hilts is a member has requested that Elders who help the ministers in the service use the same Bible as in the pews.

At 10:45 Mrs. Wynn moved adjournment, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

#### Leaders of Session Devotions - 1982

June 21 - Rich Ellwood - Spet. 20th - Loraine Hilts

October 18 - Norma Kullmann - Nov. 15 Fred Gray

Dec. 20 - Robert Bailey - Jan. 18 - Sshlia Rader

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell-clerk of session

#### SATASITCS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

On April 4, 237 people took communion

#### SESSION MEETING MAY 17, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Hilts, Mesers: Gleason, Moore, Look, Scott, Ellis, Patch, Ellwood, Bailey, Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullman,, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell, Dr. Gray

The devotions for the Session meeting, May 17, 1982 were led by Elder Elaine Wynn. Mrs. Wynn read from II Peter 1. The essence of her devotions was that once we become Christians, we can experience God's wisdom through bible study and prayer. God's nature lives in us. If we do our part in seeking to increase our knowledge of Him, we gain knowledge in handling our personal problems and those of the church. Mrs. Wynn read a poem called "please" and closed with prayer.

The minutes for April 19 were approved with corrections. A motion to approve minutes as corrected was made by Mrs. Ruth Gibson. Seconded by Mrs. Bellemore. carried.



Reverend Stevenson reported that a meeting of the committee to meet with himself and Mr. Ellis had been scheduled for Thursday evening, May 27th.

Report of the Committee to meet with Representatives of the Rainbow Club:

Mr. Ellis was excused during the committee report and discussion.

Mr. Ellwood reviewed the Committee charge from the Session meeting of 4/19/82.

Mr. Ellwood, Mrs. Wynn and Mrs. Bellemore reported on the meeting of their committee with representatives of the Rainbow Club.

The following observations and suggestions were made:

1. The meetings resulted in a lack of healing and communication. They were approached with an attitude of suspicion.
2. There needs to be a change in leadership of the Rainbow Club if there is to be any healing, for the greater good of the congregation.
3. There was no problem between the Rainbow Club and the church; the dissension stems from the Director.
4. There needs to be healing between approximately one-half of the congregation and the other half. This is a serious problem affecting the spiritual growth and welfare of our church and our ability to do Christ's work.
5. The Rainbow Club Representatives expressed some concerns about the work of the church (ie: youth and budget) which the Session should address at a future meeting. The committee expressed great regret in making its recommendations.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Wynn to approve the Committee recommendations.

Reverend Stevenson addressed the motion and reviewed his relationship with the Ellis's and the relationship between the Rainbow Club and church.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Gleason called for the vote on the question Seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Passed. Original motion passed unanimously with modifications by consent of the mover and seconder. In final form it is as follows:

1. That Dorothy Ellis be removed as director of the Rainbow Club as of May 18, 1982 and paid a five-month's portion of the honorarium budgeted in the Rainbow Club line item of the church budget.
2. That the present committee be authorized to meet with the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club as soon as possible:
  - a. To explain the session action.
  - b. To assure the Rainbow Club of the Session's support.
  - c. And to arrange a meeting with the Personnel Committee.
3. That the present committee be authorized to go to Dorothy Ellis and inform her of the session action as soon as possible.
4. That the possibility of making the job of the Rainbow Club Director into a staff position in the church be considered for recommendation to the Session by the Personnel Committee in consultation with the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club. This would include recommendations concerning job description and compensation.
5. That the Personnel Committee be asked to begin this work immediately in consultation with the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club

6. That Dorothy Ellis shall no longer attend meetings of the Rainbow Club or its Board of Directors and that she turn over to the president of the Rainbow Club all records pertaining to the Rainbow Club.

The following session members were assigned to inform the absent session members of the session action - Ruth Gibson - Blanche Belin, Russell Look - Helen Fox and Fred Gray - Sheila Rader - Norma Kullmann, Reverend Stevenson - Elizabeth Mitchell.

Mr. Moore reminded us to keep Les and Dorothy Ellis in our prayers.

Reverend Stevenson recommended that we adjourn the meeting at this point and reconvene next Monday, May 24th at 7:30 to complete session bussiness.

Mrs. Wynn moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sheila Rader*

Sheila Rader - secretary-pro temp.

#### SESSION MEETING, MAY 24, 1982

PRESENT: Miss Fox, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Moore, Look, Gray, Gleason, Ellis, Bailey, Patch; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Ellwood

ABSENT: Mr. Scott

The May 24, 1982 Session meeting opened with Reverend Stevenson reading selections from the Bible on love, followed by prayer.

The minutes for the May 17, 1982 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, after the following correction was made: Mr. Ellis was excused during the report, discussion, and vote.

A discussion of the pulse of the church in wake of the decison made May 17, 1982 followed. How can the rift be healed? No specific conclusions or ideas were presented with the exception that Rainbow members could be invited to attend a no-agenda Session meeting.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Moore presented two suggestions from the Evangelism and Nurture Committee.

1. Since the present "Commitment to Unite" form has fallen into disuse, a new form called "The Meaning of Membership at First Presbyterian Church" was presented and discussed. Mrs. Gibson moved its adoption for use in Inquirers' Groups. It was seconded by Miss Fox. Carried.

2. Mr. Moore presented a pamphlet entitled "Questions Frequently Asked About Our Church Family" which was throughly discussed. A few changes were made. Mr. Moore



moved the adoption of this pamphlet, seconded by Mrs. Hilts. Carried.

Mr. Moore told of the church floor plans being drawn up; consultation to be held with fireman for speedy evacuation in case of fire. Persons who are always present at services such as ushers, ministers, etc - will be utilized incase of an emergency. There also will be several fire drills a year.

new bysiness;

Dr. Gray moved, seconded by Mr. Look, the approval for the following infant baptism.

1. Kristylee Rose Joris, daughter of Mr. Mrs. James Horis.
2. Scott Michael Petts, son of John and Judy Petts. His uncle, Reverend Stanley R. Petts of Ankeny, Iowa will officiate. Also approved were the following baptisms on Professions of Faith: Gretchen Rice, Bredna Young, Debbis Young.

COFFEE HOURS: June 6 - Miss Fox, June 13 - Mrs. Hilts - June 20 - Mr. Gray and Mr. Look - June 27th - Mr. Moore

The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mr. Gleason.  
Carried.

The problem of the weak committee structure within the Presbytery has necessiated the feeling that the chairmen of the committee whould be paid. There,fore this would mean about 5% increase in pledges from the churches to compensate for the addiotnal expense. We feel we cannot afford to add more to our present deficit budget.

The Shaller conference was good, especially in the field of handling power centers in the church and analyzing problems with the church. It was not so good on definite answers.

At 9:50 Mrs. Gibson moved adjournment, seconded by Dr. Gray. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

On May 2 240 people took communion

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING June 3, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Wynn, Miss Fox, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Ginson, Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Look, Moore, Gleason, Ellis, Gray and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Messers: Ellwood, Bailey, Patch

ABSENT: Mr. Scott

The Special Session meeting, June 3, 1982, began with short prayers.

The purpose of the meeting was to act upon the motion of the Directors of the Rainbow Club to dissolve the Rainbow Club as of May 27, 1982 (The Session has to approve or disapprove this action because an action of the Session established the Club.)

Session members took a poll of many members of the Rainbow Club who are members of the church. The results: those interested in continuing the Rainbow Club - 67; no opinion - 9.

Those who contacted people gave their impressions of the questions asked them.

Miss Fox moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Session approve the continuation of the Rainbow Club with the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York. Carried with one excused from voting.

Miss Fox moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, the Session recommend to the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club with the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York. Carried. with one excused from voting.

Mr. Look moved, seconded Mrs. Bellemore, the Session recommend to the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club that no large expenditure of <sup>Rainbow</sup> Rainbow Club monies be made until after a reasonable waiting period has elapsed. Carried

There needs to be a great dealing of healing over this situation.

At 9:25 Miss Fox moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann.

Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING June 13, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Miss Fox, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wynn, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Moore, Look, Ellis Gray, Ellwood, Bailey, Gleason, Reverend Stevenson

A special meeting of the Session was held at 11:00 Sunday, June 13, 1982 to consider the following resolution:

Moved that The Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club recommend to the Session that one half of the monies of the Rainbow Club be retained by the club, and one half, in the amount of \$1908.90 be given to the new club being formed to meet at St. Paul's Methodist Church and to be given to that club as soon as it has duly elected officers and board of directors.

This matter will be considered at the regular Session meeting, June 21  
Mrs. Bellemore moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Look. Reverend Stevenson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING, JUNE 21, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Fox, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Ellwood, Moore, Bailey, Look, Gray, Ellis; Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mr. Gleason, Mr. Patch, Mrs. Wynn

The Session meeting, June 21, 1982, was opened with devotions based on Acts 2, led by Mr. Ellwood. After introductions the following members were received into membership on motion by Mrs. Bellemore seconded by Mrs. Belin.

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Mark Mullins

Cindy Mullins

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ELIZABETH MOHR

EDNA LOUISE Jurkiewicz

Frank Paul Primerano

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Tammy Elaine Primerano

Sunday, June 27, these people will be publicly welcomed into membership at the morning service.

Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, that Ronald Paul Primerano be baptized June 27. Carried.

Reverend Wilson introduced John Dooley who is very active in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Buffalo. He explained how the Fellowship operates on various levels and requested that the church consider contributing to the Inter-Varsity budget. This was referred to the Mission Committee who will consider the request for the general budget.

The minutes for May 24, June 3, June 13 were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Bellemore, seconded by Mrs. Gibson.

James Scott's resignation from the Board of Elders has been accepted upon a motion by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. He is leaving this area.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A meeting was set for Saturday, June 26, at 9:00 when Reverend Stevenson and Les Ellis will meet with Dr. Gray and Miss Mitchell, in fulfillment of session action at the March meeting. Mr. Ellis reported that he and Reverend Stevenson had met with the Reverend
2. The recommendation from the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club as presented June 13 was considered. After much discussion there was prayer. Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mrs. Rader, that the Session not approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Club to divide the Treasury. The results of the secret ballot: 10 yes 4 no.
3. Mr. Bailey as the Personnel Committee representative attended a meeting of the Rainbow Club Board of Directors. New members of the Board of Directors are being appointed by Reverend Stevenson to bring the board up to full size. This group may then elect a President Pro Temp. There will be a regular meeting July 8th at which

the future of the club will be discussed. The following volunteers offered to prepare the lunch: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Belin (maybe), Mr. Ellwood (maybe).

4. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Look, to authorize Mr. Campbell to give Mrs. Ellis her five months honorarium. Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. As chairman of a special committee on church funds, Mr. Ellwood have a thumbnail description of the funds.
  - a. The church has 10 funds based on special interests.
  - b. There are 2 fairly large funds: (1) Legacy - bequests from deceased members. (2) Memorial gifts in memory of deceased members and friends. There are no legal restrictions on the principal of these funds.
  - c. Next step; study the trust funds.
2. Mr. William Gibson, chairman of the Stewardship Committee presented the plan for the commitment made to join the Presbyterian Stewardship Plan. There will be about 15 people trained to inform the congregation about the future of the church, the function of the church, and the finances of the church. Between October 15 and November 4 there will be 15 meetings in separate homes. These will be conducted by the trainees. Each member will receive a letter of invitation to one of the meetings.

This committee would like about 5 concrete suggestions as to how to use the extra money by the July Session meeting. (July 19)

3. Approval for a letter to go to the congregation concerning the church insurance due and other needs was given, upon a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Bellemore.
4. A good time for the Budget and Finance Committee to meet is 9:00, Saturdays.
5. Mr. Ellwood moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that a transfer of funds up to \$3,000 from the Legacy Fund for the Budget Assistance be loaned to the O & B budget with the issue of repayment subject to a joint meeting between Session and Trustees within the next 2 months. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was received upon a motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried. Reverend Wilson suggested that the Youth Funds not be lumped together in the Treasurer's Report.

A letter was received from Mrs. Ellis along with the keys she had. Mrs. Kullmann moved the Clerk of Session give Mrs. Ellis a receipt for the keys. Seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

The following volunteered as assistants in the July church services: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Hilts, Mr. Moore

At 10:30 Mrs. Bellemore moved adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Dr. Gray. Reverend Wilson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

On June 6, 1830 people took communion  
On July 4 210 people took communion

*Elizabeth Mitchell*  
Elizabeth Mitchell-Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING - August 9, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Hilts: Messers: Bailey, Moore, Gleason, Ellis, Gray, Look; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson and Dr. Heasty

EXCUSED: Mis Fox, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Bellemore, Mr. Ellwood and Mr. Patch and Mrs. Rader

The Session meeting, August 9, 1982 was opened the devotions based on Psalm 107, led by Reverend Stevenson. This was the theme of the New Wilmington Conference "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." Following the devotions there was a brief time shared prayer.

Alex Wilson introduced Dr. Heasty to those who had not met him on Sunday. He shared with the Session some of his life as a missionary. He is a psychiatrist and there is a good deal of mental illness to be treated in the Sudan as well as other physical illnesses. The government there controls everything and he is considered as an M.D. by them in order to obtain a visa. He spoke of the use of mission money in what he considers to be a fourth world country. He said there is a great need for teachers of English and Christianity. Seven teachers were requested and two were sent.

One other interesting note, Dr. Heasty spoke of his home church here in United States where members are expected to study what would be similar to our Bethel and Discipleship courses in preparation for belonging to small groups such as our bible study fellowships. All who become members have a basic understanding of the bible. He called it a "lay" church and membership has not suffered. There are about 1500 members.

A motion was made by Norma Kullmann, seconded by Ruth Gibson and carried to approve the minutes of June 21, 1982 meeting.

There was no Trustees meeting in July and Treasurer's report. There will be a joint meeting on the second Monday in September if necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVANGELISM AND NATURE COMMITTEE report was given by Larry Moore. He announced plans for a bible study fellowship picnic to be held on September 11, 1982. This is a Saturday evening and the cost per person will be \$2.50. There will be posters and publicity announcing this event which will be open to anyone who is interested in bible study fellowships.

Dr. Fred Gray gave a report on the special committee to meet with Les Ellis and Russ Stevenson. This meeting took place on Saturday, June 26, 1982.

A letter was read from the Rainbow Club thanking the Session for their "labor of love" in providing the luncheon at the July meeting. Russell Look announced the regular meeting would be Thursday, August 12, 1982. He said there were over 90 persons who attended the last meeting.

There were no other committee reports.

Reverend Stevenson presented a report from the Pastoral Assistants, Peggy and Jim Patch and Roger Crowell. This consisted a revision to the minutes of Session February 18, 1980, outlining the understandings of the office of Pastoral Assistant in the life of the church. There were seven sheets of handouts which were read by Reverend Stevenson outlining six Pastoral Assistant Task Descriptions. At the conclusion and after discussion a motion was made by Dennis Gleason, seconded by Loraine Hilts and carried to approve the revisions regarding Pastoral Assistants (see at the end of minutes)

Alex Wilson presented a report from the General Assembly meeting.

September coffee hour assignments:

Sept 5 - Norma Kullmann, Sept 12 - Russell Look, Sept 19 - Loraine Hilts - Sept. 26

Larry Moore.

Drawings of the church layout were handed out by Larry Moore.

Communion elements preparation for September 5, 1982 will be handled by Ralph Kullmann. It was suggested that everyone on Session should have a hand in this preparation throughout the year.

Les Ellis presented a report on "Money at Presbytery Level". There will be a 70% increase over last year in the amount asked by presbytery from this church. A motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Gibson, seconded by Fred Gray and carried after which Alex Wilson closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Blanche Belin*  
Blanche Belin, secretary - protemp

\* PASTORAL ASSISTANTS - MINUTES OF SESSION, FEBRUARY 18, 1980 - Revised 8/9/82

Motion to establish the office of "pastoral assistant" in the life of the church with the following understandings of that office:

QUALIFICATIONS: A pastoral assistant will be a person who:

1. Is already an elder, or has the spiritual experience and qualifications to be an elder.
2. Has time available for ministry above and beyond the amount of time ordinarily expected from volunteers.
3. Has demonstrated gifts in several areas of ministry.

ELECTIONS: A pastoral assistant will be elected to that office by the session upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee and pastor.

NUMBER: There will be no more than 12 pastoral assistant at any time.

DURATION: A pastoral assistant will be elected for one year renewable annually.

TASK: A pastoral assistant will assist the pastor in their organizational and pastoral responsibilities.

SUPERVISION: Pastoral assistants will be supervised by the pastors and meet with them on a regular basis.

COMPENSATION: Pastoral assistants will not be paid but may be reimbursed for expenses by the pastors through the Special Gift Fund of the church.

\*PROSPECT LIST COORDINATOR - Minutes of Session 8/9/82

Take responsibility for setting up a prospect card file system.



Make new prospect cards from Sunday visitor sheet or "I am here" cards within 48 hours.

Alert pastor to new-guest calls to be made by him that week (Russ will try to call on everyone who visits a worship service within a week of that visit).

Meet with Pastoral Assistants making outreach calls ("Outreach Caller Group")

Give names to church secretary of people to be added to church mailing list.

Give names to church secretary of people to be deleted from church mailing list.

Make new prospect cards from other sources such as :marriages, funerals, Bible Study Fellowships, etc.

Organize and promote the "Easter Invitations" to church friends -- and other such mailings.

Meet with Evangelism and Nurture Committee.

\*MEMBERSHIP LIST COORDINATOR - Minutes of Session 8/9/82

Takes responsibility for setting up a membership card-file system.

Ascertain through I-Am-Here cards and other means which members need a call.

Meets with Pastoral Assistants making church calls (church caller group) and Alex to assign calls.

\*HOSPITAL VISITOR(S)

Visit in the hospital (s) twice a week, coordinating hospital visiting days with the pastors.

Call on names from the following lists:

First Presbyterian Niagara Falls

Presbyterian Unaffiliated

Protestant Unaffiliated

Pray with patients and families.

Ascertain:

Church relationship, if any;

interest in our church, if any

interest in the Christian faith, if any.

Share the gospel or a personal testimony as the opportunity arises.

Make follow-up visits in selected homes as the opportunity arises.

Invite:

to a church worship service;

to a Bible Study Fellowship;

to an Inquirer's Group;

to any church event, AND PICK UP AND ACCOMPANY THEM.

Give new names to Prospect List Coordinator.

Meet regularly with Outreach Caller Group and Russ.

\*CHURCH CALLER(S)

Make calls on people within the membership of the church. The reason for the call may vary widely: such as inviting to a specific church program (eg. Bethel Bible Study) or such as caring for those who have slowed or ended their involvement in the church.

Be aware of needs (eg. a 5th Grade Sunday School teacher) and activities (eg. Bethel Bible Study in the church).

Explore the gifts, interests, needs, feelings of those called on as it is appropriate to the reason for the call.

Meeting regularly with the church caller group and Alex.

Refer shut-ins to the Board of Religious Visitation program.

**APPROVED**  
The Presbytery of Western New York

*Chambers Stewart* Moderator

Date 11/23/82

SESSION MEETING SEPT 20, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Rader:  
Messers: Patch, Moore, Bailey, Gleason, Ellis, Gray, Look, Reverend  
Stevenson, Reverend Wilson, Mr. Scott

EXCUSED: Miss Foc, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Ellwood, Mrs. Bellemore

The Session meeting, Sept. 20, 1982 was opened at 7:30 p.m. at the church with devotions led by Reverend Wilson. Reverend Wilson spoke on the "attractive" problems of a church; those problems and needs of a congregation that attract others to join a church and become part of the "solution: to its problems. Reverend Wilson related the "attractive problems" of today's church to the early church in Acts.

A motion was made by Ruth Gibson, seconded by Russell Look to approve the minutes of the August 9, 1982 Meeting. Carried.

Mr. Jack Scott, President of the Board of Trustees reported that an interim Treasurer will have to be appointed due to Mr. Campbell's illness and hospitalization.

A motion was made by Russell Look, seconded by Dennis Gleason, to approve the appropriation of \$225 from the Memorial Fund to pay for the cost of a permanent 4x8' sign to be posted in the rear of the church building above the choir windows. Carried.

Jack Scott reported on the Trustees meeting of Sept. 13th, 1982 and minutes of the Trustees meeting were passed out.

Bob Bailey, chairman of the Personnel Committee reported on the committee's action to fill the temporary void in the Treasurer's office due to Mr. Campbell's eye surgery, Sept 19, 1982, proposes the following recommendations:

1. That Bill Campbell be placed on sick leave for the remainder of 1982, and relieved of his duties as Treasurer for that period.
2. That he continue to be paid the Treasurer's salary to the end of the year - or that the church make up the difference between the Treasurer's salary and disability payments.
3. That Mrs. Carol Lally be elected interim Treasurer for the remainder of 1982 to serve through the preparation of the Annual financial report.
4. That she be hired as a consultant at a fee of \$8.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Bob Bailey, seconded by Blanche Belin, to approve the committee's recommendations. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson proposed the following nominees for pastoral assistants as specified:

Ruth Gibson as Bible Study Coordinator

Sheila Rader as Outreach Caller

Cheryl Gleason as Prospect List Coordinator

Reverend Wilson nominated the following as Church Callers:

Paul Wilson, Jean Hackenheimer, Esther Werner

Roger Crowell and Peggy Patch will continue as pastoral assistants.



A motion was made by Larry Moore, seconded by Fred Gray, to elect the six nominees as pastoral assistants. Carried.

Our goals for the 80' are as follows:

1. To become a strong evangelical church
2. Specialized outreach-families, young married, couples, singles, senior citizens,
3. To have a varied program within the church with a special emphasis on home Bible Study Fellowships.
4. To become increasingly mission oriented.
5. To double in size in the next 10 years.

OUR PLAN:

1. Our outreach Pastor - Reverend Stevenson
2. Our executive Pastor - Alex Wilson
3. Our ministers - all of us, each involved

Mr. Scott presented the financial Committee's presentation which is to accompany the Fall Stewardship Presentation.

These presentations will comprise 2/3 of the entire presentation. The remaining time will be devoted to personal testimony by church members.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Scott asked for feedback and criticism of the proposed presentation. Plans call for 13 neighborhood meetings beginning Oct. 19.

A motion was made by Dennis Gleason, seconded by Loraine Hiltz, to accept the report of the Stewardship Committee. Carried.

Sheila Rader reported for the Mission Committee. There will be a Loose Change Collection in Church on Sunday Sept 26th. There are currently 34 Frontier Fellowship members. 50 or more are desired.

Church Board members are encouraged to attend at least one Mission Conference event in addition to the Sunday A.M. Service. Weekend events include Mission Dinner on Friday Oct. 15th at 1st church, Missionary Conference at Knox Church Sat. Oct. 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Mission Rally at Knox Church on Sun. evening. Homes are needed to house assigned Missionary family on Friday and Sat. nights.

Norma Kullmann requested assistance in preparing the elements for Communion Sundays. Mrs. Kullmann will prepare a schedule for session members for preparation.

There will be a Worship Group Meeting on Friday September 24th at 10 a.m. to plan Worship Services for Oct.

Reverend Stevenson reported on the Oct. Women's Koinonia Weekend where he will be the Spiritual Director. 1st Church N.F. has had the highest number of members attending Koinonia Weekends of all churches in W.N.Y.

Reverend Wilson announced the following changes in committee chairmanships: Norman Killmann as new Chairman of the Worship Committee. Paul Wilson as New Chariman of Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee. The Youth Education Committee is presently between chairmen.

Reverend Stevenson proposed a resolution to the Presbytery of W.N.Y. that the Presbytery solicit comments from the sessions of presbytery on the subject of the Planning and Research Committee Recommendations on Presbytery staffing prior to its vote at the Oct. meeting of presbytery and that communications received be distributed to members of presbytery before or at the October meeting of presbytery. Resolution was carried.

A motion was made by Ruth Gibson to wave the approval of a list of inactive members prior to the 1st call of the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee. Seconded by Russel Look. Carried.

Mrs. Belin moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Ruth Gibson. Carried

The meeting was closed with prayer by Reverend Stevenson at 9:45

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Rader, Secretary-Pro Temp

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF SEPT

On Sept. 5, 1982 183 people took communion

#### SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 18, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson,  
Miss Mitchell: Messers: Look, Ellis, Gleason, Patch; Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Foxl Messers: Gray, Bailey, Reverend Stevenson

ABSENT: Messers: Moore, Ellwood

GUESTS: Robert Armstrong, Director of Presbyterian Homes of Western New York;  
Mr. Dana Rice, Clerk of Session, Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

The October 18, 1982 Session meeting started with a pertinent (Paul Havery) story which Mrs. Hilts related, followed by prayer.

Reverend Armstrong graphically presented the story and 25 year growth of the Presbyterian Homes of Western New York. He had a model of Amherst Presbyterian Nursing Center which is now about 60% completed and will be dedicated Feb. 27, 1983. A campaign to raise \$3,000,000 to meet monetary needs is being planned to begin December 1983. After the guests had answered questions and had left, Mr. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that our church endorse the 6 point request of the Presbyterian Homes, Carried. The 6 points are:



1. A request that the Session endorse the Campaign and support its goals and objectives.
2. A request that the Church financially participate in the Campaign and set a voluntary goal. This is a "Campaign of the Heart". Therefore, the Session will decide the extent of involvement of the Church in the Campaign.
3. A request that the Session appoint a Campaign Chairman who will, with the assistance of our Campaign Office, develop a local 25th Anniversary Drive team to lead the Campaign within the Church.
4. That the Campaign Drive Chairman will be oriented by the Campaign Director for the Fund Drive.
5. That the Church devote space for the campaign poster on each of its inside bulletin boards, and distribute flyers in its pew racks and literature racks.
6. The final request, which should be included in the support of the Session would be the transmission of the mailing list from the Church to the Campaign Office. This will enable us to mail out periodic information on the drive to members of each Presbyterian Church.

The September 20, 1982 minutes were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Reverend Stevenson is participating in a Koinonia weekend in Nov., not Oct., as the minutes stated.

Mrs. Rader moved the Financial Report dated September 30, 1982 be accepted; seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### 1. MISSION

a. Mrs. Rader reported on the Mission Weekend (Oct. 15-17). 109 attended the Friday night dinner and program. 8 of our youth sang in the combined choirs in Buffalo. It was worthwhile weekend. Reverend Wilson was commended for his role.

b. October 31 is the next Loose Coin Collection

c. January 2, 1983 will be the next Mission Sunday.

##### 2. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Mr. Look spoke of the dinner to be held at 7:00 at the Red Jacket Inn, \$8.00 October (Thursday).

##### 3. YOUTH EDUCATION

a. 14 Youth served the Mission dinner, Friday, October 15.

b. There is to be Youth Retreat next weekend.

c. A Girl's Club is being organized, sponsored by Mrs. Gibson. They will meet Saturdays at the Church, 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The program will include cooking, sewing, crafts, and a choir for the Christmas program.

##### 4. COMMUNION

Mrs. Kullmann requested volunteers to help prepare communion. Mrs. Hilts volunteered for November 7.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. Urban Christian Ministries is having a banquet October 22 with John Ewin of Chicago who is Chaplain at the largest jail in the nation, as speaker.
2. Mrs. Gibson reported that Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Bianca have given the church much needed equipment for the Kitchen.
3. Session minutes will be reviewed at the October 26 Presbytery meeting.
4. Mrs. Rader suggested a renewal day for the church. It was suggested a no-agenda meeting be used for this purpose.
5. The question was asked whether letters are still sent to visitors. The group of 13 Senior Citizens from Pa. who were in church, October 17, will receive letters as do all visitors who register.

At 9:35 Mrs. Rader moved the meeting adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, Reverend Wilson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Elizabeth Mitchell  
Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

On Oct. 3 217 people took Communion

SESSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 1982

PRESENT: Miss Fox, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Rader, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Gray, Look, Gleason, Ellis, Bailey; Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Belin, Mr. Patch, Mrs. Bellemore

ABSENT: Messers: Ellwood, Moore

The November 15, 1982 Session meeting opened with devotions by Reverend Stevenson who read I Timothy 2:1-6 where the emphasis is on prayer. A recent book he read is "Creation of a Student Movement to Evangelize the World" by Wallstrom. Reverend Stevenson briefly reviewed this missionary movement (1900-1920) in which men as Reverend Mott and Reverend Spear became outstanding. Also Reverend Stevenson served as spiritual advisor for the just completed Koinonia #36 weekend. He spoke of how prayer is structured into the movement. The Session then met in groups of 3 to share prayer for personal needs and those of the church.

Mr. Jack Scott, President of the Trustees, came at this time.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gleason, the October 18 minutes were approved.

Mr. Scott presented the need to repair part of the church roof at a cost of \$6,600. Also there is a carry over deficit from 1981 of \$2,951.31, creating a need for \$9,551.31. He suggested the possibility of borrowing \$9,500 from the Legacy Fund. It could be paid back in 1984 when the Deni mortgage is due. Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that \$9,500 be taken out of the Legacy Fund for this purpose. It was passed.

To date there are 122 pledges for 1983 amounting to \$58,900.

Also Carol Lally, our bookkeeper, has made some recommendations to the Trustees concerning the specific duties of Treasurers and Financial Secretaries.



In June the Session authorized \$3,000 be borrowed from the Legacy Fund for cash flow needs. This has been repaid to the Legacy Fund.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Mission

a. Mrs. Rader moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibson that our percentage designations for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery giving be adjusted as follows: 44.5% - General Assembly, 10% - Synod, 45.5% Presbytery. Carried.

b. Mrs. Rader moved, seconded by Mr. Gleason that Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson be permitted to attend the New Wilmington Missionary Conference at the same time. This would mean there would be no minister at our church in Niagara Falls for that week. Carried.

c. The Fall PUMA Mission Conference is to be October 21-23, 1983.

d. One day Mission Conference is to be October 21-23, 1983, and November 19, 1983.

e. The profit of \$52.00 from the Mission dinner is being used to help pay for the U.P. Frontier Fellowship Daily Prayer Guides.

2. Nominating: Mrs. Kullmann reported the committee is working but that their report at this time is incomplete.

3. Church Boards Retreat: Reverend Wilson reported the retreat will be at the Beacon Motel Inn, January 28-29, 1983. Richard Foster from Rawnhurst Pres. Church in Phila. will be the leader.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. New members will be received at the December 13 Session meeting. Also we will discuss how more prayer might be structured into the life of the church.

2. Coffee Hour for December: - Dec. 5 - Miss Fox, Mrs. Rader, Dec. 12 - Mrs. Hilts, Dec. 19 - Mrs. Kullmann, Dec. 26th

3. The Bible Fellowships are sponsoring an open house at the Stevenson's Dec. 17th at 7-10 p.m.

4. Tuesday, Nov. 23 the Presbytery is meeting at Bacon Memorial Church. At 2:00 the plan of reunion with the Southern Presbyterian Church will be discussed. The regular meeting starts at 3:00.

The meeting as adjourned at 9:55 upon a motion by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Miss Fox. Reverend Wilson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss E. Mitchell

Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

On Nov. 7, 1982 - 271 people took communion

SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Miss Mitchell; Messers: Look, Moore, Gleason, Ellis; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bellemore, Mr. Patch, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Gray

ABSENT: Messers: Mr. Ellwood

The Session meeting, December 13, 1982, was opened with devotions by Miss Mitchell based on Luke 2:1-14. After scripture, she spoke on the history of using the Nativity Scene, followed by prayer.

Ten people from three Inquirer's Groups met with the Session. Six more were unable to attend. After repeating their membership vows, Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mrs. Hilts, that the 17 be received into membership. Carried.

They will be received by the congregation, Sunday, December 19, 1982

These new members are:

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Burtram W. Anderson

Ellen H. Anderson

Phillip A. Carrington

Nancy Lee Cyphers

Linna Marie Koch

Gary Michael Myers

Kathry Myers

June Elizabeth Srock

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Matthew John Cyphers - Profession and Baptism - Karen Cyphers - Profession and Baptism

Irene Jean Pike

James Patrick Srock - Profession and Baptism

REAFFIRMATION

Marie Simpson Byam

Mildred Audrey Kane

Randall James Pike

Sizanne Francis Ward

Eleanor Margaret Pollard

The minutes for the November 15, 1982 Session meeting were accepted upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

The following children are to be baptized at the December 19 service: Pietra Marie Cyphers, and Erica Marie Cyphers. The approval for the baptisms was given in a motion by Miss Fox, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. NOMINATING: Mrs. Kullmann said all positions were filled and she read the list.

2. MISSIONS:

a. Mrs. Rader reported the budget designations for missions have been made.

b. Plans are to have Two minute for Missions for report the second and fourth Sundays each month in 1983.



The following were transferred to the Inactive Roll because they no longer live here. Also those who have requested a transfer of letter to other churches were removed from Rolls upon a motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

Non residents TO BE TRANSFERRED TO INACTIVE LIST

Mrs. Cynthia Gardiner, Ransomville  
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Lockport  
Mrs. Bobbie Moran, Buffalo  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rivers, Colonial Village  
Mr. James Scott, St. Francis ville, La.  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wynn, Boston  
Mr. Chris Jackson, (no address)  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bailey, No. Tonawanda  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hiller

TRANSFER OF LETTER

Mr. & Mrs. Carey Tyler - First United Methodist, No., Ton.  
Mr. Michael Runals - Kempsville - Pres. Church  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bennett - Lewiston Res.  
Mr. Daniel Collipp - Bethany Pres. Church, Huntington, N.Y.  
Miss Wendy Skinner - Riverside Pres. Church

Mr. Dooley of the Personnel Committee presented and corrected the new job descriptions for Accountant, Assistant Accountant, Treasurer. The package was approved upon a motion by Mr. Look, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

A motion to approve as a package Motions 3,4,5,6 of the Personnel Committee Minutes was made by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. Rader.

MOTION #3:

It was moved to recommend to the session to hire Mrs. Muriel Glasgow for approximately sixty (60) hours per month at an annual salary of \$4,000.00 to assume the duties as specified in the job descriptions of Accountant. One month vacation.

MOTION #4:

It was moved to recommend to the session to hire Caroly Goddard as needed at a rate of \$5.00 per hour not to exceed \$200.00 per year to assume the duties as specified in the job description of Assistant to the Accountant.

MOTION #5:

It was moved to recommend to the session to hire Bill Campbell as a Financial Consultant for 1983 to assist in an orderly transition for a fee of \$100.00 per month.

MOTION #6:

It was moved to recommend to the session to hire Carol Lally as a Financial Consultant to assist in an orderly transition and to prepare the annual report of 1982 at a fee of \$240.00

Miss Fox offered an amendment to #5 to read as follows: "as Financial Consultant for as long as required in 1982." Seconded by Mr. Ellis. Carried. The main motion as amended was carried. It reads as follows:

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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. William Gibson, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, reported:

1. Recommendation: That the Session officially close the Major Mission Fund campaign. There is still \$143 outstanding. Mis Fox moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, that this be done and a letter sent the Presbytery notifying them of the action. Carried.

2. Stewardship Campaign as of December 12, 1982 - 183 pledges \$76,523  
December 12, 1981 - 193 pledges \$81,831

## OTHER BUSINESS

1. The candles for the Advent Wreath were willfully destroyed after the service, November 28, 1982. The following suggestions were made:

a. The Sunday School teachers talk to their classes about the Sanctuary and respect for property.

b. Sermons, both adult and children, on respect for the Sanctuary and private property.

c. A Session member be in the Sanctuary after services to see children do not play in it.

The following volunteered:

December 19 - Miss Mitchell - Dec. 26 - Mrs. Gibson Jan. 2 Miss Fox - Jan 6 - Mrs. Rader and Jan 16 Mrs. Hilts.

2. Mr. Ellis reported that the Reverend Donald Brown has been appointed as Presbyter for another 5 years. The Presbytery plans to hire an Assistant Presbyter. The main speaker who discussed church growth said that the relationship of life in the church is important. There must be internal growth before there is external growth.

Karen Braham has had a ruptured appendix and is in critical condition. At 10:15 Mrs. Gibson moved adjournment, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Mr. Gleason closed the meeting with a prayer for Karen.

SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1982

On Dec. 5 251 members took communion

MEMBERSHIP JOINEDLETTER OF TRANSFER

Burtram W. Anderson

Ellen H. Anderson

Phillip A. Carrington

Nancy Lee Cyphers

Linna Marie Koch

Gary Myers

Kathryn Mary Myers

June Elizabeth Srock

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Matthew John Cyphers - Profession and Baptism -

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 Miss Wendy Skinner-Riverside Pres. Church, N.F., N.Y.

JOINT BOARDS JANUARY 17, 1983

SESSION: PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Hilts, Miss Mitchell: Messers: Ellis, Moore, Gleason, Look, Gray, Patch, Bailey, Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Miss Fox, Mrs. Rader

ABSENT: Mr. Ellwood

TRUSTEES: Present: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Tompkins, Miss Hackenheimer: Messers: Miller, Scott, Traise, Dooley, Lucas, Igou, McMahon.

The devotion for the Joint Boards meeting, January 17, 1983 was given by Reverend Wilson. He based his story on several verses in Galatians. It was a true experience which occurred during his time in the mission field -- a story of true brotherhood, compassion, selfishness.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed Budget of 1983. After many questions and discussion, Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Miller, moved that the Proposed Budget be adopted by the Trustees. Mr. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, that the Proposed Budget be adopted by the Session. The motions were carried.

Because camping for the Youth had to be deleted in the budget, Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. McMahon, that it be a policy of the Trustees in 1983 to make all necessary efforts to finance the summer camping program. Carried. Mrs. Belin moved that the Session adopt the same policy. seconded by Mr. Gray. Carried.

Mr. Bailey, chairman of the Personnel Committee, moved that Mrs. Erma Runals serve as the unpaid Treasurer in 1983. Mrs. Gibson seconded the motion. Carried. Mr. Lucas made the same motion for the Trustees. Miss Hackenheimer seconded it. Carried.

The Joint Board's meeting closed, and separate meetings were held.

Mr. Gray moved the minutes for Decemebr 13, 1982 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

Mr. Bailey, chairman of the Personnel Committee, moved that Mrs. Erma Runals serve as the unpaid Treasurer in 1983. Mrs. Gibson seconded the motion. Carried. Mr. Lucas made the same motion for the Trustees. Miss Hackenheimer seconded it. Carried.

The Joint Board's meeting closed, and separate meetings were held.

Mr. Gray moved the minutes for December 13, 1982 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

Some non-resident members have been unintentionally hurt when they received a letter concerning their status as a church member. Mr. Gray moved this matter be referred to the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee; seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

In November the Session did not find time to discuss prayer life in the church. The following suggestions were made: group prayer, individual prayer for others, no-agenda meetings devoted to prayer, a 24 hour period of prayer in the church on specific subject.

Mrs. Hilts moved, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, the following by-laws deletions be recommended to the congregation (at the Annual Meeting, January 23.) for approval.

1. Page 8: Take out of the by-laws the sentence in the first paragraph beginning with the words "The Board of Trustees, however..." (It concerns requisitions and a new system is being instituted.)
2. Page 9: Take out of the by-laws the section, beginning in the first paragraph with the words: "The Treasurer may be paid a salary..." and ending in the third paragraph with the words: "...regarding benevolence funds. "(This is necessary because of a change in the Treasurer's job classification.)
3. Take out of the by-laws the "The Procedure for Purchase Requisitions and Order." (This procedure has not been followed verbatim for a long time, and new system authorizing the Boards to vary this responsibility is being instituted). The motion was carried.

A motion to approve a new list for authorizations of special and restricted funds was made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

Collipp Memorial Endowment Income-Personnel  
 Collipp Memorial Principal-Permanent (cannot be spent)  
 Building and Maintenance-Trustees  
 Special Gift Fund-Income-Pastor  
 Youth Activities (Youth Fellowship Bank Account) - Youth Fellowship Director  
 Youth Program - Income- Youth Education Committee  
 Youth Fund (Pop Machine) - Youth Education Committee  
 Special Accounts (in & out) - Trustees  
 Deacons Fund-Deacons  
 Kitchen Committee Fund - Kitchen Committee  
 Legacy Principal Fund (Stock Investment Only) - Session  
 Legacy Principal Fund (Cash Assets only) - Session  
 Memorial Fund-Session  
 Bible Knowledge-Scholarship Income Fund=Permanent (Cannot be spent)



All Endowment Funds - Permanent (Cannot be spent)

Pastor Study Leave Fund - Pastor (reverts to O&B when Asst. Pastor leaves)

Ass't Pastor S.L. Fund - Asst. Pastor (Reverts to O&B when Asst. Pastor leaves)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Stevenson family is going to Europe leaving May 30. June 15-23, 83 they will be in Israel. Interest from the Collipp Memorial Endowment Fund is being used for the trip of the Holy Land.

2. Mr. Patch moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that the second Sunday of every month be a Guest Sunday where the congregation invites friends to hear a Gospel sermon. Carried.

The Session will have two meetings in February: Feb. 7th - Communion and organizational meeting. Feb. 21 - regular meeting and planning session.

4. Permission to baptize Edward, baby son of Geraldine Frails, February 27 was given upon a motion by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Mr. Gray. Carried.

Mr. Mike Ishman of Bacon Memorial Church is organizing a "Fish Prigram" to help retired people help themselves. He has been joined by Riverside Presbyterian and Niagara Presbyterian Churches. Mrs. Gibson moved quthorization for distribution of information on this program in ths church. Seconded by Mr. Patch. Carried.

Mr. Bailey Chairman of the Personnel Committee, moved that the committee be authorized to enter into a deferred compensationpension plan for a minimum of 2½% of salary for Mrs. Nancy C. Schulz, the church secretary. Mrs. Belin second the motion. Carried.

Mr. Look, seconded by Mrs. Gibson moved the meeting be adjourned. It was closed at 9:45 with a prayer by Reverend Stevenson for the elders whose terms have expired.

Respectfully submitted,

*M. Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss M. Elizabeth Mitchell

#### SATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY '83

On January 206 people took communion

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, January 23, 1983

To call the January 23, 1983 Congregational Meeting to order Reverend Stevenson read Jesus prayer in John 17, which he followed by prayer.

The report of the Clerk of Session appears onpage 7 of the Annual Report. After many years as Clerk, Miss Mitchell is leaving this position. Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the report be received.. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, nominated the following to be Elders: Class of 1985: Mark Mullins, John Goddard, Paul Wilson, Roger Crowell, John Runals, Eleeda Malcolm: Class of 1984: Leslie Phillips, Janet Bianca.

Mr. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Igou, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

Mr. Jack Scott, President of the Board of Trustees, then moderated the 158 Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Patch, that Miss Mitchell be thanked for her many years of faithful service as Clerk of Session. Carried.

The report of the Trustees on pages 32-53 of the Annual Report was approved as presented.

The Financial Report starts on p. 35. Because of a gift, the deficit for 1982 is \$3,932.83. Special thanks was given to the following contributions which helped the budget: Women's Association \$7,500; Rainbow Club \$1,000 towards the roof; Philathea Class \$100.00; gift to the Endowment Fund - \$20,000; gift from Graydon Bloom in memory of his wife, Margaret, \$6,500 which will be invested in the Endowment Fund along with the \$20,000 gift. Mr. Gibson moved the report be approved, Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Mr. William Campbell who is retiring was thanked for this many years as Treasurer upon a motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

The deficit budget of \$7,457.00 for 1983 was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Look seconded by Miss Hackenheimer.

Mr. Patch moved thanks to all who worked on the 1983 budget; the Trustees, and the Budget Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Kullmann, Carried.

The resignation of David McMahon from the Trustees was received just before the Corporation meeting.

Mrs. Kullmann, Chairman of the Nominating Committee nominated the following to Board of Trustees: Class of 1985: Ralph Kullmann, Evelyn Tutt, Jack Tompkins, Joseph Nacarrato; Class of 1983: Melvin Dashineau, Mr. Gibson, nominated Martin Hodgins for the Class of '83 to fill the vacancy left by David McMahon.

Mr. Dooley moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas, that the nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson then resumed the Chair.

The report of Doris Gray, moderator of the Deacons, is on page 31 of the Annual Report. Mrs. Belin moved the report be received; seconded by Mr. Ranchil. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann, chairman of the Nominating Committee nominated the following to the Board of Deacons: Class of 1985: Peggy Patch, Linda Burmaz, Mildred Schmul, Fred Proctor: Class of 1983: James Burr.



Mrs. Ciesielski moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate. Seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

The report of the Pastor is on page 5 of the Annual Report. Reverend Stevenson spoke on the financial situation of the church, and on having two ministers. He feels the unity of the church is shown by the gifts of the Women's Association, The Rainbow Club, and others.

Scott moved the report be received; seconded by Mrs. Cunnick, Carried.

Changes in By-laws was the next order of business.

By-laws deletions: #1 - concerning requisition changes  
 #2 concerning job descriptions of the Treasurer  
 #3 concerning purchase requisitions and orders. A new statement as to the responsibility of purchase procedures has been added.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Lucas seconded, the three by-laws deletions. Carried.

Nominations from the congregation for the Nominating Committee.

1. Pat Lidgett - nominated by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. Daisy Moore - nominated by Mrs. Rader, seconded by Mrs. Patch
3. Peter Dooley - nominated by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Gray.
4. Moira Proctor - nominated by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dooley.

Mr. Scott moved the nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for the nominees. Seconded by Mr. Igou. Carried.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon a motion by Mrs. Gleason seconded by Mrs. Ciesielski. Carried.

Mr. Patch gave a plea for gifts to the Benevolence Fund in 1983.

Mr. Scott spoke of the Youth Fund, and that both the Session and Trustees agreed to help in every way possible with the camping fund.

Mr. Lucas moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Reverend Wilson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Mitchell*

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell

SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, Miss Malcolm, Miss Fox, MESSERS: Bailey, Mullins, Gray, Moore, Crowell, Goddard, Look, Runals, P. Wilson, Gleason; Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Miss Phillips

The meeting commenced with the Annual Communion Service.

Two sets of minutes, the minutes of the Annual Meeting, and Jan. 17th Boards meeting, were moved to be approved by L. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved that John Goddard be elected Clerk of Session, Seconded by Mr. Wilson. There were no further nominations, and Mr. Goddard was elected.

Eleeda Malcolm and Roger crowell were nominated as Presbytery delegates. Dennis Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Rader, that nominations be closed. The above was elected.

As Presbytery delegate alternates, Paul Wilson and Larry Moore were elected, after the motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by J. Bianca.

The first Presbytery meeting for the new delegates is February 8th.

Mrs. Bianca moved, seconded by L. Moore and that Mrs. Rader be elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Look, that Blanche Belin be a member of the Nominating Committee. Carried.

Larry Moore nominated Russell Look and Paul Wilson as Delegates to Niagara Council of Churches. Seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

The session phoning committee was established: Janet Bianca, Eleeda Malcolm, Ruth Gibson, and Blanche Belin will serve.

Mrs. Runals moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson that \$2,000 of each minister's salary be designated as supplemental housing allowance. Carried.

The changes in the Session Committee Structure were noted. There are now 10 Regular Committees instead of 9. At least one member of the session serves on each committee. The Church & Society Committee is a new Regular committee for 1983. The Planning Committee and Memorial Fund Committee were eliminated (these were special committees).

Mrs. Bellemore moved and Mrs. Gibson seconded that the committee structure be adopted as proposed. Carried.

REGULAR COMMITTEE - Chairpersons: Paul Wilson (Pastoral Care): Blanche Belin (Evangelism & Nurture); Neil Bellemore (Youth Education): John Goddard (Adult Education): Robert Bailey (Personnel), Vacant (Stewardship): Mrs. Rader (Missions);



Mrs. Kullmann (Worship); Russell Look (Ecumenical Affairs); Mark Mullins (Church & Society).

Those not on committees were asked to indicate where they would like to serve (by planning meeting Feb. 21).

The planning meeting will be held February 21 at the Runals Oak Harbor home on Gr., Is.

The following were nominated by Reverend Stevenosn as Pastoral Assistants: Roger Crowell, Sheila Rader, Peggy Patch, Paul Wilson, Jean Hackenheimer, Cheryl Gleason, Ruth Gibson, Helen Bobst, Esther Werner.

Janet Bianca moved, Mark Mullins seconded, that the above people be elected as Pastoral Assistants. Carried.

Paul Wilson on behalf of the Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee reported that Pictorial Directories should be ready by late spring.

Mrs. Rader, for the Mission Committee reported that Rich Mendola from International Students, Inc. will be here for the Mission Sunday, Feb. 27, in place of Lay School classes.

Mr. Look brought out the fact that Memorial Hospital may require ID's for pastors.

Supplements and revisions for the Session Policy Booklets regarding Church Funds were passed out. Some discussion followed. Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Look seconded that the revisions and replacements in this package be received. Carried after some discussion.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that there be published in the Bulletin at least semiannually a list of the various funds of the Church, to which bequests can be made, and the use to which said funds can be put. Carried.

Reverend Wilson has accepted a call to the Harmony UPC in Harrisville, Pa., a church of about 240 people, to commence on March 15, 1983.

Mr. Runals moved and Mr. Look seconded the Session accept with regret the resignation of Reverend Wilson as Assistant Pastor. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, Mrs. Gibson seconded, that March 8-15 be designated a vacation week for Reverend Wilson. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson moved, Miss Malcolm seconded, the approval of the Ash Wednesday Communion Service sponsored by the Council of Churches, at this Church Feb. 16th. Mrs. Belin volunteered to assist in the preparation of communion.

Mr. Goddard moved, Dr. Gary seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:43pm Carried.

Reverend Wilson closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION PLANNING MEETING, February 21, 1983

The meeting was held at the Runals' Oak Habor home on Grand Island. In addition to Session members, the meeting was attended by the three members of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee: Jack Scott, Jack Tompkins and Ralph Kullmann, and by two Session committee chairmen, Neil Bellemore and Norma Kullmann.

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Phillips, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bianca, Messrs: Look, Scott, Tompkins, Runals, Crowell Mullins, Moore, Wilson, Kullmann, Bellemore, Bailey, Gleason, Goddard Dr. Gray, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Wilson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bellemore, Miss Malcom

Reverend Stevenson began the meeting with decotions on the theme "Our Philosophy of Ministry." A period of sentence prayer followed.

The five-part statement entitled "The Misson of the Congregation in the Next 10 Years" was read and explained by Reverend Stevenson. A period of discussion followed regarding our present effectiveness in carrying out this plan. Mr. Kullmann suggested that the five parts be parcelled out to session committees for further definition and refinement. Suggested assignments:

Paragrph 1,3,5, - Evangelism & Nurture committee  
 " 2 - Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee  
 " 4 - Mission Committee

A discussion was raised about the Pastor's job description to light of Reverend Wilson's pending departure. It was generally felt that Reverend Stevenson was not expected to do two jobs, and that he did not generally have to attend the Deacon, Trustee, and committee meetings which Reverend Wilson was responsible for.

Considerable discussion also ensued regarding a replacement for Reverend Wilson. It was felt that calling an assistant or associate pastor should be by a pulpit committee and be put to a Congregational vote, rather than strictly being a result of a Session vote, even though it is a longer process. A pulpit committee probably would consist of 7 members, 1 from each of the boards and 4 from the Congregation.

In a show of hands, all except two felt that we need 2 pastors.

A motion was made by Ruth Gibson, seconded by Mark Mullins, that Helen Fox's resolution be accepted as a sense of the meeting resolution. Carried. The resolution was:

1. We proceed to replace Reverend Wilson with an assistant or associate administrative minister.
2. That we do this my means of a Pulpit committee
3. That we start immediately to inform the Congregaion of our needs and to seek their support.

Reverend Stevenson will be absent from the pulpit for one Sunday in May and 3 in June. Howard Haines is available for those Sundays. It was moved by Ruth Gibson and seconded by Dr. Gay that the Personnel committee find a replacement preacher for those 4 Sundays. Carried.



It was moved by John Runals, seconded by Mark Mullins, that \$500.00 be taken out of Ass't Pastor Salarly line and put in as Supply Preacher line.

It was moved by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mrs. Gibson that the Director of Music salary line be divided into (1) substitutes - \$336. and (2) Director of Music \$6720. Carried.

It was moved by Paul Wilson seconded by Mrs. Belin, that Jack Scott, John Runals and REverend Stevenson be aopointed to examine the by-laws. Carried.

There is currently no chairman of the Stewardship Committee. Reverend Stevenson expressed his feeling that this should be a year for an every-member visitation, hence the Stewardship post is important. No volunteers were forthcoming.

Paul Wilson reported for the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee. A "We miss you" letter will be sent out by the committee to those people who were formerly active and who are no longer so. It was recommended that on guest Sundays, name tags be given out and worn by all. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

In place of "I-Am-Here-Cards, "I-Am-Here" pads are recommended for use by all every Sunday. All in the same pew would sign the same sheet. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Moore. Carried.

Coffee Hour colunteers are to ask a new member to assist them).

March 6 - Larry Moore & Blanche Belin

March 13 - Dr. Gray & Mr. Look

March 20 - Mr. & Mrs. goddard

March 27 - Miss Phillips

The meeting was closed in prayer by Reverend Wilson at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard - Clerk of Session

SATASTICS OF MONTH OF Feb., 1983

On Feb. 6, 1983 159 people took Communion

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION AT THE MANSE March 7, 1983

PRESENT: Blanche belin, Norma Kullmann, Leslie Phillips, Eleeda Malcolm, Janet Bianca, Ruth Gibson, Sheila Rader, Helen Fox; Messers: Mark Mullins, Dr. Fred Gray, Paul Wilson, Russell Look, John Runals, Dennis Gleason, Roger Crowell, Bob Bailey and Reverend Stevenson

The meeting was opened at 7:35 with sentence prayers.

Mr. Stevenson presented the revision of "The Mission of the Congregation in the Next ten years" from the Evangelism and Nurture Committee to look over and adopt at the March 21st meeting of session. Discussion followed.

Changes and additions to the Session Committee Rosters were made.

Helen Fox moved the approval of the Minutes of the February 21 meeting of session. Seconded by Mark Mullins. Carried.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and plan the work of each committee for the year.

#### PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Review church roll according to policy below.

#### PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

1. "Members needing attention" are those who have not attended in the previous year. No one will be removed from the active roll if they are incapacitated or unable to attend. Usually, a person will be left on the active roll if their spouse is active.
2. The committee will determine whether or not a visit or a telephone call should be made to the inactive person or family. We may consider reports of calls already made upon them by the pastors or the pastoral assistants. If a call is needed the committee will ask one of its members or one of the pastoral assistants to make the call, and report back.
3. If the report does not indicate the likelihood of renewed activity or attendance, or if there is none, a letter will be sent with a sermon to state our concern for them, to offer help, and explaining the need for the church keep accurate membership records. They will be told in this letter that the Session would need to remove their name from the active rolls unless we hear from them.
4. If there is still no response, a final letter from the Clerk of Session on behalf of the Session would go to each person. This letter will say that they are being placed on the inactive roll, and will explain that they could be re-stored to active membership at any time by request to the Session.
5. Names will be carefully screened by the committee before visits, telephone calls, or the first letter. All names will be presented to the Session before the final letter is sent.
6. Those who have moved out of this area will receive a non-resident letter, in accordance with the Book of Government. The pastor will write these letters.
7. An alternative letter to be sent to someone placed on the inactive roll when the first letter has not been sent.  
(All three letters are in book)

Ruth Ginson moved the approval of policy sheets for the Procedures for Review of the Membership roll including three letters. Seconded by Paul Wilson. Carried.

2. Party March 11 for Alex and Alma.
3. Promote fellowship activities for the whole congregation.
4. Provide and distribute name tags on guest Sundays.
5. Distribute Pictorial Directory.
6. Prepare some kind of permanent or periodic activity calendar for the congregation.
7. Keep tabs on congregation - working with Pastoral assistants.
8. Keep attendance record - working through Helen Bobst.
9. Plan and review results of 6 month and 1 year visits on new members by Pastoral Assistants.



10. Consider how to enlist the congregation in service according to their gifts by such means as the mission/ministry check list.

#### EVANGELISM AND NURTURE COMMITTEE

1. Send "Easter Invitations."
2. Consider the best use of Guest Sundays as a means of evangelism.
3. Consider ways of bringing new members more into the stream of things in the church, perhaps by a "foster family" program for new members.
4. Consider more discipleship training for new members, such as follow-up courses subsequent to the Inquirers' Group.
5. Plan 1984 Evangelism budget proposal.
6. Plan Inquirers' Groups: Content, number, time, host couples etc.
7. Consider ways to reach out evangelistically into the community.
8. Plan for the establishment of new Bible Study Fellowships.
9. Consider developing and printing a brochure listing church activities for use in I-Groups and for mailing with guest letters.
10. Encourage our church's participation in the Koinonia Movement.

#### YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Plan Children's Day, June 19th.
2. Plan Baccalaureate Sunday with pot-luck to follow, June 12th, honoring High School and College graduates.
3. Provide and publicize nursery service for all major church activities
4. Run church summer camping program.

Dennis Gleason moved, seconded by Paul Wilson, that the committee be permitted

- 1) to ask the congregation to sponsor a child at \$50 per child (2) to take a special offering for camping about a month before the camping program begins (3) to arrange a report by the campers to the congregation after camp. Carried.
5. Consider the establishment of a college scholarship fund.
6. Arrange Sunday evening transportation for CBS and Youth Fellowship.
7. Seek an adult sponsor couple or individual to assist Dennis with the Youth Fellowship.

Russ Look moved, seconded by Roger Crowell that the nursery be moved to the North West corner room of the basement. Carried.

8. Moved nursery as per above motion.
9. Attempt to form a Nursery Committee.

10. Support and assist: Sunday School (Teachers, Training Circulum), Youth Fellowship, C.B.S., Girls Club, Summer Camping, Youth Retreats, Little Church, Nursery, S.S. Picnic, Baccalaureate Sunday and dinner, Youth Busing, Camping and retreat transportation, Teacher recognition day, Youth

11. Administer Bible Knowledge/Scholarship Fund and Youth Program Fund.
12. Plan 1984 Youth Budget proposal.
13. Consider possibility of Lay School course requirements eventually for Sunday School teachers.
14. Encourage High School youth to become adult members through an Inquirers' Group.

#### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Phase out the Young Adult Class at least for the time being.
2. Offer periodically an extra Dialogue and Fellowship Hour class pitched to young adults.
3. Consider the possibility of another film series like Dobson.

4. Supervise beginning a new Bethel Class either in April or October.
5. Plan Lay School program for 1983-1984 Lay School year.
6. Keep track of the credits toward Level 1, 11, and 111 certificates of each persons taking Lay School courses.
7. Arrange a Lay School brochure for this fall.
10. Support the Librarian in church library activities.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Review and suggest revisions for job descriptions of pastor and assistant pastor.
2. Review and revise if necessary personnel section of policy booklet.
3. Plan 1984 Salary proposals.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Consider scheduling of a One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
2. Consider participation in Presbyterian Homes drive
3. Consider participation in Stewardship Plan of Presbytery's Stewardship Commitment Task Force.
4. Run Fall Canvass.
5. Plan year-round stewardship education.
6. Make 1984 Stewardship section budget proposals.
7. Order offering envelopes and pledge cards.
8. Plan for special offerings.
9. Consider church stewardship approaches and policies.

#### MISSION COMMITTEE

1. Suggest revisions in mission statement of "The Mission of the Congregation in the next 10 Years."
2. Supervise and publicize the "Loose Change offering" monthly and promote prayer guide.
3. Correspond with missionaries and mission projects and inform the congregation.
4. Provide a Minute for Mission twice a month.
5. Participate in PUMA on behalf of the congregation and publicize PUMA events
6. Plan and run mission conference.
7. Promote attendance by members of the congregation at the New Wilmington Missionary Conference.
8. Plan a Mission Sunday every two months in consultation with the Adult Education Committee.
9. Prepare a proposed mission bud get for 1984.

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Consider possibility of recommending to the session purchase of a new hymnal.
2. Supervise communion preparation, serving, and clean up through a communion chairman. (Fred Gray and Eleeda Malcolm will take responsibility for preparation; Ruth Gibson for scheduling elders to serve)
3. Review worship service. Consider ways to improve its meaning and impact.
4. Recruit 2 "Minuteman" teams who can take the service on Sunday in case of illness of Russ.
5. Supervise Golden Age bus.
6. Make budget proposals for 1984 budget.
7. Supervise ushering and greeting.
8. Consider the possibility or advisability of two Sunday morning worship services.
9. Consider planning a 24 hour prayer vigil.



ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Maintain our church's relationship with the Niagara Council of Churches and work with Council on cooperative projects.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

1. Fund specific needs not being met in congregation and community and make recommendations for a response to selected needs.
2. Lead congregation in cooperation with existing church and community service programs.
3. Consider surveying the congregation with a questionnaire.
4. Consider erecting a bulleting board to publicize programs.

Mr. Stevenson announced that session mailings will be reduced to a single meeting announcement card mailed. Meeting materials will be placed in hall mail box in session "slot" in envelopes with members names on them.

Mark Mullins moved to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. seconded, Carried. Mark closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleeda Malcolm Secretary pro-temp.

SESSION MEETING - Monday March 28, 1983

PRESENT: Miss Phillips, Miss Malcom, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Fox, Mrs. Rader: Messers: Dr. Gray, Mullins, Moore, Goddard, Dailey and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Belin: Messers: Crowell, Gleason, Look, Runals, Mr. Wilson

PRESENT FROM THE TRUSTEES: Jack Scott-president, Jack Tompkins - chairman Building and Grounds committee.

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 2 at approx. 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Gray, that the following be received into membership:

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Mr. & Mrs. Fred (Beverly) Feldhousen

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon (Teresa) McGee

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mr. James Miller

The motion was carried.

John Goddard moved, Mark Mullins seconded, that the Trustees draw from the Memorial Fund an amount not to exceed \$2,825 to pay for new glass vestibule doors plus proper decorative light for the vestibules (sanctuary entrance). Carried.

Dr. Gray moved, Miss Malcolm seconded that \$200 be transferred from #710 (Ass't Pastor Salary line) to #615 (Park) to cover the cost of two (2) flag poles and two ornamental benches. Carried.

Larry Moore moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded that \$246 be transferred from line 710 to line 810 (Office Supplies) to cover church directory expenses; that \$1,450 be transferred from line 710 to line 610 (repairs) to cover cost of 1982 repairs paid in 1983; that \$100 be transferred from line 710 to line 925 (Nursery Supervision); that \$50 be transferred from line 980 (PUMA) to line 970 (Promotion). Carried.

The Trustees left the meeting at this point.

New Session Policy Booklets were issued.

Helen Fox moved, Dr. Gray seconded, that the revised "Mission of the Congregation in the Next 10 Years" page of the Policy Booklet be accepted. Carried.

Miss Malcolm moved, Mark Mullins seconded, that the new Table of Contents of the Session Policy Booklet be accepted as a replacement for the old. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that the Assistant/Associate Pastor vacancy be filled. Carried.

Mrs. Rader moved, Miss Malcolm seconded, that the session recommend to the Congregation that an Associate Pastor be hired. Carried.

Dr. Gray moved, Mr. Moore seconded the job descriptions for Pastor and Associate/Assistant Pastor be referred to Personnel Committee, for report back on Session meeting of April 18. Carried.

Mrs. Rader moved, Dr. Gray seconded that Ruth Gibson, John Runals, John Goddard and Paul Wilson be designated to prepare the session recommendation for hiring an Associate Pastor to the congregation. Carried.

John Goddard moved, Dr. Gray seconded that the Nominating Committee select a slate for an Associate Pastor Congregational search committee. Carried.

Helen Fox moved, Janet Bianca seconded that Bill Campbell be authorized to spend \$126.55 from the Legacy Fund for the record room.

Leslie Phillips moved, Helen Fox seconded that Kevin David McGee and Brian Christopher Baird be approved for Baptism on March 27. Carried.

Janet Bianca, Fred Gray, Sheila Rader, John Goddard, Larry Moore, Mark Mullins volunteered to serve communion at the Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Rader moved, Mr. Moore seconded that Leslie Phillips be approved as delegate and Janet Bianca as alternate to PUMA. Carried.

Miss Phillips moved, Helen Fox seconded that Oct 21-23 be held as a clear date for the Fall Mission Conference. Carried.

Mission Education day is Sat. April 18 at 3rd Presbyterian Church at No. Ton. Those interested are to see Mrs. Rader.



Janet Bianca moved, Sheila Rader seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

On March 6 260 people took Communion

MEMBERSHIP -Joined

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Mr. & Mrs. Fred (Beverly) Feldhousen

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon (Teresa) McGee

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mr. James Miller

Baptism

Kevin David McGee - March 27

Christopher Baird March 27

#### SESSION MEETING APRIL 18, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, Miss Malcolm, Miss Phillips, MESSERS: Look, Wilson, Mullins, Crowell, Gleason Goddard, Bailey, Runals, Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Fox, Mr. Moore, Dr. Gray

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a reading from Acts 13, an account of Paul's First Missionary Journey. A letter from our missionaries to Pakistan, the Medleys, was also read. Reverend Stevenson concluded the reading with prayer.

The session minutes of March 7th and March 28 were moved for approval by Mr. Mullins, seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

Dick Nygren from the Ministerial Relations Department of Presbytery explained the steps for the session in preparing to seek a new pastor. He discussed the duties and obligations of the pulpit nominating committee.

Reverend Stevenson announced that the By-laws Revision Committee developed 63 changes in the Congregational By-laws. They will be available this weekend for peruse.

A sheet entitled "Policy for Payments Made From the Budget and Special Funds" was handed out. John Runals explained it. This replaces a previous page in the Policy booklet by the by the same title. Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Gleason seconded that the sheet be accepted. Carried. (as follows:

#### POLICY FOR PAYMENTS MADE FROM THE BUDGET AND SPECIAL FUNDS

Each line of the Budget and each special fund of the church shall be numbered.

Each section of the Budget shall be assigned to a specific board or committee for disbursement authorization. Such assignment shall be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the Session and the Board of Trustees Committee and approved by the Session and the Board of Trustees prior to the presentation of the Budget at the Annual Meeting. In the event of disagreement the action of the Session shall prevail. The individual boards and committees may then assign specific lines of their sections to specific individuals for disbursement authorization. Such assignments shall be given to the Treasurer in writing, over the signature of the chairman of that board or committee.

No fund or line item may be overspent and no new line item may be added to the Budget without specific approval from the Session in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Significant line item changes may be considered first by the Budget and Finance Committee and then recommended to the Session. ]

Mrs. Gibson moved, Paul Wilson seconded, that the bill from Wynne, Lancto, and Kling P.C. of \$210 be paid from budget line 710. Carried.

Two non-session stewardship committee representatives (Mrs. Ciesielski, Miss McLaren) and Mrs. Beverly Dunn (a rep. of the Presbytery Stewardship Committee Task Force) joined the meeting at this point (8:30 p.m.) Mrs. Dunn explained the covenant for Stewardship Commitment. Mrs. Bianca moved that the covenant be adopted and signed. Seconded by Paul Wilson. Carried. Mrs. Dunn left. Mrs. Rader moved and Mr. Look seconded that offerings received in the Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas special envelopes be used to restore benevolence cuts, and that the congregation be informed as to their use. Carried.

On Sunday May 29th a Presbyterian Home Re. (Bob Armstrong) will give a brief talk on Pres. Homes Capital Gift fund. Contributions would then be accepted by Jean McLaren. Mr. Armstrong will explain the program during the second hour of May 29, Mrs. Ciesielski and Miss McLaren left the meeting at this point.

Reverend Stevenson described the remaining agenda, regarding Pastor/Associate Pastor job descriptions and mission congregation.

Volunteers were asked to help with dinner Memorial Day Weekend, the International Students Dinner (May 28 at 8:00 p.m.). Reverend Stevenson left the meeting at this point, having given his consent to the session to elect a moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Ruth Gibson nominated John Runals to moderator in Reverend Stevenson's absence. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried.

A discussion of the need for an associate pastor followed. The session was in agreement that we need an associate, and all were agreed that we (if we must) use capital funds to support him/her for a 3-yr period. Mr. Gleason moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded, that the session reaffirm its recommendation to the congregation to the congregation that an associate pastor be called. Carried.

Mr. Bailey for the Personnel Committee explained the new Pastor and Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Discipleship job description. Mr. Bailey moved that the job descriptions be accepted. Mrs. Gibson seconded the motion. Carried.

A call for a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 1, is planned to (1) amend the By-Laws, (2) consider "mission of Congregation in the Next 10 Years." (3) act on Session Recommendation to call an Associate Pastor, (4) nominate a Congregational search committee. Moved by Miss Malcolm, seconded



by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved we adjourn. Russ Look seconded. Carried. Time 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*

John Goddard, Clerk of Session

# STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF APRIL

On April 3 305 people took communion-Easter

## SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING May 1, 1983

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with a reading of the Great Commission, and with prayer.

Jack Scott discussed the amended By-Laws plus three typographical errors that should be corrected. (p. 2 number "and" tenure; p. 4 Par. 2 "qualified" not classified and page 6 add "investments").

Jack Scott moved that the By-Laws be accepted. Seconded by Bill Gibson, with the proviso that references to the Presbyterian Church (USA) take effect July 1, 1983; until then the references should be to UPCUSA.

Mr. Runachill moved, Mr. Ellwood seconded, that the vote be taken. Carried. The amended By-Laws were approved.

The proposal entitled "The Mission of the Congregation in the Next 10 Years" was presented by Paul Wilson, beginning with a reading of Matthew 28:16-20. Mr. Wilson moved that this proposal be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Gibson. Carried.

The need for an Assistant/Associate Pastor was presented by Mr. Goddard. The new Pastor's and Associate Pastor's were presented and explained by Mr. Gibson.

John Runals presented the financial projections for the church in a 2-pastor situation for the next several years.

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the congregation proceed to take steps to hire an Associate Pastor.

Reverend Stevenson explained the difference between an Assistant and Associate Pastor.

Considerable discussion followed.

Voting was by secret ballot.

The Vote: 70 in favor.

25 against.

Mrs. Rader then presented nominations for the search committee for Associate Pastor. Paul Wilson seconded the nominations.

Nominees are: Alex Dunlop, Bill Gibson, Doris Gray, Ed VanValkinburgh, Russ Runals, Peter Dooley moved, Paul Wilson seconded, that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for this slate. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 12:22 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MAY 16, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Rader MESSERS: Runals, Mullins, Gleason, Wolson, Goddard, Moore, Crowell and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Malcolm, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Gray, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bellemore  
Mr. Look

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a reading from John 1, and with prayer.

Seven new members were received into the fellowship of the church.

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Florence Marie Bowman

Earlyse Marie Worrell

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Beatrice Loraine Bernat

Constance Jean Henshaw

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM

Lavern Augustus Bowman

Mr. Moore moved that the above be accepted into Church membership. Seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

The new members will be received in the service on May 22.

Personnel sections of the Policy Booklet were handed out along with up-to-date Tables of Contents.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Mullins seconded that the New Table Contents be approved. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the May 1 Congregational Meeting minutes be approved. Carried.

An elder "Assistance in Worship" sign-up sheet covering Sundays from MAY 22 to July 24 was passed around for volunteers.

The Treasurer's report for April was discussed. Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, that the Treasurer be authorized to use Memorial Fund money (if necessary) for cash flow purposes during the summer months. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that money borrowed from the Memorial Fund to pay bills be repaid to that fund by year's end. Carried.

Mr. Gleason moved, Mr. Mullins seconded, the receipt of the April 30 Treasurer's Report carried.

John Runals spoke on behalf of the Personnel Committee. He recommended that a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to Ellen Wiseman for service as Church Housekeeper. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.



Mr. Runals moved that the Associate Pastor Salary Package (total \$27,995) be accepted. Mr. Gleason seconded. Carried.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

##### ASSOCIATE PASTOR SALARY PACKAGE

|                   |               |                              |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Salary            | \$15,000      | (Presby 1983 Minimum 13,000) |
| Housing Allowance | 5,500         | (Presby 1983 Minimum 5,400)  |
| Pension (19%)     | 3,895         |                              |
| Car               | 2,800         | (Presby 1983 Minimum 2,000)  |
| Study leave       | 400           | (Presby 1983 Minimum 400)    |
| Health            | 400           |                              |
|                   | <u>27,995</u> |                              |

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that the paragraph on the bottom of the Personnel Policy Booklet Section page entitled "Employee Retirement Program" be accepted. Carried. (as follows)

[This policy is recinded as of May 16, 1983 with the exception that William Chettleburgh will continue to receive \$899 yearly during his lifetime as based on this retirement program. ]

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that \$500 be removed from line 710 and inserted as line 711 for Search Committee expenses. Carried.

Mr. Crowell reported on what occurred of interest at the last PResbytery Meeting.

Mr. Gleason reported for the Youth Ed. Committee. Needed for Youth summer camping (Transportation and scholarships) \$3,250. Received to date \$1,835.

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Crowell seconded that up to \$915 be transferred from line 710 to Youth Program Fund to cover Youth camping expenses, with the proviso that the Congregation be asked once again to contribute to the Camping Scholarship fund. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that the camping program of the church be reviewed by the Joint Boards in the fall prior to budget preparation. Carried.

Drivers for camps are still needed. Colunteers will be gratefully accepted.

Blanche Belin reported for the Evangelism & Nurture Committee about some ideas that were generated. Next meeting of this committee is in June

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Mullins seconded that Bill Campbell be appointed as Church Historian. Carried.

Shaun M. Hodgins and Sarah E. Henshaw are to be baptized Sunday, May 22. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Bianca. Carried.

Mrs. Belin moved, Miss Phillips seconded that Laura Braham, Katherine Braham and Rebecca Raynor's Baptism on Maundy Thursday be approved. Carried.

Helen Fox has invited the session to meet at her home on 4th St. for the next meeting. The meeting be July 18th

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:

June 5 Leslie Phillips, June 12 Larry Moore, June Janet Bianca

Mrs. Bianca moved we adjourn. Mr. Crowell seconded. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF MAY

On May 1 260 people took communion

MEMBERSHIP JOINED:LETTER OF TRANSFER

Florence Marie Bowman

Earlyse Marie Worrell

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Beatrice Loraine Bernat

Constance Jean Henshaw

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Janet Marie Plennert

Rachel W. Smith

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM

Lavern Augustus Bowman

BAPTISM

Shaun M. Hodgins - May 22nd, 1983

Sarah E. Henshaw - May 22nd, 1983

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING JULY 3, 1983

PRESENT: Helen Fox, Sheila Rader, Eleeda Malcolm, Leslie Phillips: Messers Roger Crowell, Larry Moore, Russell Look, John Goddard and Reverend Stevenson

TRUSTEES: Jack Tompkins

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Gary Myers

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with prayer 11:25 a.m.

Gary Myers and Jack Tompkins explained the need for new job descriptions for Sexton and Custodian/Mechanic, and the need for paying up to \$4.50 per hour for the Custodian/Mechanic position.

Mrs. Rader moved to authorize Jack Tompkins, Chm. of the Building and Grounds, to hire a Custodian/Mechanic on a probationary basis at 21 hours/week at the rate between \$3.89 and \$4.50 per hour and to approve the new job descriptions for Sexton and Custodian. Seconded by Roger Crowell. Carried.



Mrs. Malcolm moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that an honorarium for Howard Haines be \$100/week (\$400) be approved. Carried.

Mr. Look moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that the meeting be adjourned, Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING JULY 18, 1983

PRESENT: Reverend Stevenson, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Belin, Miss Fox, Miss Malcolm, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Rader  
Messers: Bailey, Mullins, Goddard, Wilson, Crowell, Look, Youth Ed.  
Committee: Mr. Neil Bellemore

EXCUSED: Dr. Gray, Mr. Runals, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gleason

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with a reading from John 15 regarding the love of Christians for each other. A brief discussion period followed. Reverend Stevenson closed the discussion with prayer.

Mrs. Gibson moved, Mrs. Malcolm seconded, that the minutes of the May 16th and July 3rd Session meeting be approved. Carried.

Mr. Look moved that the Treasurer's report of June 30th be received. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, Carried.

Trustees Resolution #1 regarding 7% pay raises and Resolution #2 regarding pay-roll distribution procedures were read and discussed:

RESOLUTION #1: Resolved to increase the pay scale by 7% for the remainder of 1983, retroactive to March 15, 1983 and is presently employed in uninterrupted service as a employee. Excluded in this proposal are the Pastor, any employee that was hired since March 15, 1983. All monies necessary to effect this 7% raise will be deducted from line item #710, Titled: Assistant Pastors Study.

RESOLUTION #2: Resolved to direct the Treasurer and Accountant to prepare the pay roll in such a manner that each employee will receive proper pay for services rendered 24 times per year and semi-monthly on the dates theretofor designated by the Treasurer as "dates for check signing, distribution and Funds transfer."

Mrs. Gibson moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, that Resolutions 1 & 2 be accepted with Resolution #1 to apply only to the church secretary, choir director/organist, and church section. Carried.

A discussion of the plans for development of areas surrounding the church followed. The trustees are following the proposals with interest.

The Church staff information form prepared by the Associate Pastor Search Committee was discussed. Typographical errors and minor changes were discussed. The pastor's job description will be included for information purposes.

Mr. Goddard moved and Mr. Wilson seconded that the form be approved with the discussed corrections. Carried.

On Sunday September 4th Reverend Stevenson will be on vacation. The Worship Committee recommends that the Covenant Players be invited for that Sunday in lieu of sermon. A "guaranteed" free will offering of at least \$95, or flat rate of \$150, is required. Saturday night dinner and housing, Sunday breakfast and lunch are also to be provided. The committee has offered to take responsibility for housing and meals arrangements.

Miss Malcolm moved, Mrs. Gibson seconded that we invite the Covenant Players on Sept. 4th with a \$95.00 free will offering. Carried.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that a standard \$75.00 honorarium per Sunday be paid for supply preachers during Reverend Stevenson's absence. Carried. Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that supply preacher funds be taken from line #710. Carried.

Mr. Bellemore reported for the Youth Education Committee regarding Mr. Gleason's resignation as Youth Fellowship Director. Mr. Look, moved, Mrs. Bellemore seconded that a vote of thanks for a job well done will be conveyed through the Youth Education Committee and the Session. Carried.

Mrs. Belin reported for the Evangelism and Nurture Committee. Five points were noted:

- 1.) Russ Stevenson will leave the two Bible Study Fellowships he leads as of Sept. 15th in order to be more free to visit other Bible Study Fellowships and to start new Bible Study Fellowships
- 2.) New members will be automatically placed in a Bible Study Fellowship.
- 3.) A Discipleship Training Course will be held beginning in Fall (Wed. Eve.)
- 4.) "Ask Me" buttons to be worn on Guest Sundays by committee members and session members, for guests to identify for questions.
- 5.) Committee will run Fall Inquirers' Group

Mrs. Rader reports for the Mission Committee.

- 1.) Carl Templin will visit Sept 23-25. Homes are needed for international students for Friday & Saturday nights, Sept 23 & 24.
- 2.) PUMA Conference is scheduled Oct. 21-23. Mission dinner is that Friday. Conference is Saturday at Lancaster. Other activities are planned for this weekend.

Mr. Mullins reported that Jerry, a 17 year old member of our church, is currently staying with him. A home for him is needed until he completes his last year of high school. The session members are asked to pray about this situation and to provide contacts.



Five baptisms were approved retroactively by a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crowell. July 3rd: Sean Randall Pike, Sara Marie Pike and Matthew John Pike - July 10th Richard Patrick Primerano, Bobbie Jo Linnane Carried.

Jean HAckenheimer has resigned as Pastoral Assistant as a result of her activity on the Associate Pastor Search Committee.

As of now, no church representation will be present at the tomorrow nights (7/19/83) Presbytery meeting.

The August meeting of Session will probably take place following a Sunday Worship Service to receive new members.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Sept 4th Eleeda Malcolm - Sept. 11 Miss Phillips, & Mr. Wilson - Sept. 18 0 Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca - Sept. 25 Mr. Goddard

By consensus the session supported sending a letter to all parents of children baptized in the last 6 years.

Mr. Crowell moved to adjourn. Mrs. Gibson seconded.

Meeting was closed with group prayer at 9:58 p.m.

Miss Fox graciously provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF JULY

On July 3, 1983 171 received communion.

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - AUGUST 21, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Miss Malcolm: Messrs: Gray, Wilson, Look, Goddard, Crowell, Mullins and Reverend Stevenson

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting in prayer at 11:20 a.m.

The sesion members and new members introduced themselves to each other.

Dr. Gray moved and Mr. Wilson seconded that the following be received into membership.

#### TRANSFER OF LETTER FROM HYDE PARK

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Andrew (Dorathy)

Virginia Andrew (daughter)

Carried. The meeting was closed with fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

STATISTICS FOR AUGUST

On August 18 5 received communion

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED - Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Andrew (Dorathy)  
Virginia Andrew

SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1983

PRESENT: Miss Phillips, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Fox, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Rader, Messers: Gleason, Moore, Crowell, Runals, Mullins, Look, Goddard, Wilson, Dr. Gray, Reverend Stevenson and Peter Dooley  
\_Stewardship Committee Chmn.)

EXCUSED: Mrs. Vellemore, Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Ginson

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a reading from Ephesians 6.

Reverend Stevenson read a letter he proposed putting in the bulletin for Oct. 2 regarding the calling of an Associate Pastor, and the increase in pledges needed to make such a calling viable. Prayers are needed on this matter. Some discussion followed, which was concluded by sentence prayers.

The minutes of July 18 and August 21 were approved based on a motion by Dr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Peter Dooley reported for the Stewardship Committee. A calendar was passed out which outlined the Stewardship program through December 18, 1983.

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that we transfer \$250 to budget line 965 (printing) from line 710 (Assistant Pastor Salary) to cover expected printing costs for pledge cards and stewardship brochures. Carried.

Mr. Dooley left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Runals moved, Dr. Gray seconded that the August 31 Treasurers report be received. Carried.

Two Investment Policy Sheets from the Board of Trustees were discussed. Mr. Runals moved Mr. Look seconded, that the reports be received and filed. Carried.

A letter from Jack Tompkins, Chairman Building and Grounds Committee, was read regarding the solicitation of funds for and purchase of a Carillon instrument from Schulmerich for the church tower. The final cost was quoted at \$8,865.

Mr. Look moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that we ask the trustees to consider the gift offered by the Campbell family of the chairlift to moved individuals unable to climb stairs from the first level to the basement. Carried. It was felt that this would be a more fitting memorial and more useful item for the church than a Carrillon.



Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Look seconded that the Carillon proposal of Jack Tompkins be tabled, and that the Clerk inform Mr. Tompkins of the decision, and the reasons for same.

It was felt that a plan to light the Church during the festival of lights should be conceived and implemented. Mrs. Bianca will follow up on this.

Reverend Stevenson and Mr. Wilson discussed the Pastoral Care and Fellowship list of inactive members.

Mr. Runals moved, and Mr. Wilson seconded, that the corrected list transferring people in inactive role, etc., be approved. Carried.

TO INACTIVE ROLL-per session 9/18/83(The following have been on the inactive roll but we have no date of session action in the membership register.)

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Lillian Parris           | Gary Burgess       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rivers | Jim Nicol          |
| Mrs. Louise Minervino    | Charles Reid       |
| Linda Hurd               | Lois & Harry Gibbs |
| Doris Reid               | Mary Conway        |
| Mona Schultz             | Rita Woods         |
| Barbara Glover           | Sandy Davis        |
| Mark DeFazio             |                    |

TO BE ERRASED: (The following have actually joined other churches but the membership register does not indicate the date of session action if any).

Mr. & Mrs. H. Polanski (Niagra Union Chapel)  
 Mrs. A. Ruff-(Bacon Memorial)  
 Robin Williamson Runals  
 Andrew Runals  
 Bessie Barnes-(Niagara U.)  
 Mary Ann Maley(Bethany Pres. Church Mercer, Pa.)  
 Zachary Chavers  
 Tim Gleason  
 Janet McNally Vaccaro  
 Richard McNally, Jr.

INACTIVE ROLL-PER SESSION 9/18/83

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Austin   | Mrs. Selma Hamilton & Annie   |
| Mr. Paul Bane              | Mrs. Helga Hickman            |
| Mrs. Barbara Davidson      | Mrs. Paul Higgins             |
| Mr. Joe Davis              | Mrs. Thomas Hilliard          |
| Traci Ferry                | Miss Mary Lou Houseman        |
| Robert Gilbert             | Mr. William Jackson           |
| Miss Bobbie Irish          | Shenna Davis                  |
| Miss Jean Marks            | Mr. & Mrs. V. LaBouceur       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reading | Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald       |
| Mrs. Lorna Stonebraker     | Mrs. Bruce Walker             |
| Mrs. Clarence Tyler        | Mrs. Bea Williamson           |
| Mr. James Trayer           | Mr. Charles Offenhauer        |
| Mr. Leo Scotland           | Mr. Allen Piche               |
| Mr. & Mrs. Les Ellis       | Mrs. Joannis Rhodes           |
| Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sinclair | Mr. Paul Schulz               |
| Mr. David Fix              | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Searles, Jr. |
| Miss Lyanne Guenther       | Mr. & Mrs. George Sinclair    |

## NON RESIDENT MEMBERS TO BE PLACED ON INACTIVE ROLL:

Miss Eleanor Pollard (Rochester)  
 Mrs. Susan Walker (Buffalo)  
 Miss Edna Jurkiewicz (Chambersburg, Pa.)  
 Mrs. Emma McEwen (Fla.)  
 Mrs. Terrio Pitaro (Kenmore)

Mrs. Rader reported for the Mission Committee. International students under supervision of Carol Templin (Pittsburgh) will be hosted this weekend. Excerpts from a letter from Mike Medley, missionary to Pakistan, were read. Borchures on the October 21-24 Mission Conference were passed out.

John Runals reported for the personnel Committee. A proposal was passed out

1. Increase Nancy Schulz's hours/week from 35 to 40. (extra cost \$27.50 (wk)
2. To pay Nancy Schulz's Blue Cross/Blue Shield as part of her pay package beginning Oct. 1, 1983. Cost \$43.60 per month.
3. To instruct the Treasurer to pay Wm. Chettleburgh out of line 790 when line 789 is entirely spent.

Mr. Runals moved, and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Carried.

Miss Malcolm wishes to resign as a Presbytery delegate. Mr. Moore and Mr. Wilson already elected alternates, agreed to attend the remaining two Presbytery meetings this season (one meeting apiece).

Ideas of persons to replace Bill Campbell as Church Historian were discussed. There are many old historical documents which would be of interest to the Congregation.

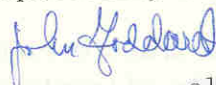
Miss Fox moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that Miss McLaren, Miss Mitchell, and Miss Werner be asked to form a Historical committee. Carried. Reverend Stevenson will do the asking.

David McMahon has requested to be re-baptized as an adult, by immersion. Reverend Stevenson has no objection. Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that he be re-baptized by immersion. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded that Kathleen Artymowicz's baptism on September be approved carried.

Mr. Mullins described an all-day October 1 seminar on "Exploring Niagara's Future" at NCCC. All may attend (nominal fee). Mr. Mullins also mentioned that Jerry Chambers who has lived with, has found a new home and job. Mr. Look moved we adjourned. Miss Fox seconded. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 9:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard - clerk of session

On September 4th 142 received communion



SPECIAL SESSION MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 1983

PRESENT: Messers: Wilson, Mullins, Gleason, Goddard, Crowell, Reverend Stevenson; Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Miss Malcolm- Mr. Jack Scott-Trustees

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded the transfer of \$1,200 from line 655 (Irving DriveManse Rent) to 610 (Church Repairs); \$300 from line 655 (Irving Dr. Manse Rent) to line 625 (Church House Supplies).

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 17th, 1983

PRESENT: Reverend Stevenson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Belin

MESSRS: Gleason, Goddard, Mullins, Runals, Wilson, Crowell, Look

EXCUSED Miss Fox, Dr. Gray, Mrs. Rader, Mr. Moore, Dr. Bailey, Miss Phillips.

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. by reading a letter from Ezekiel, a foreign student living in Pittsburgh who visited our Church. This was followed by a period of sharing what people felt were the present strengths and weaknesses of our Congregation. The discussion was followed by sentence prayers.

John Runals moved that \$800 be transferred from line 660 (Utilities-Manse Irving Dr.) to line 645 (Utilities-Manse VanRensselaer). Paul Wilson seconded. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson reported for the Stewardship Committee. All 10 items in the Stewardship Covenant have been completed. The most important phase of the program for now is the recruitment of callers for the Every member Canvas. A sheet entitled "1984 Challenge Budget" was passed out, and will be a part of the visitation package. A volunteer for a tithing testimony on November 13th is being sought.

Janet Bianca reported for the Mission Committee regarding the PUMA Conference.

Mrs. Claude Clark is transferring to St. Paul's Methodist. Mrs. Alma Wilson is transferring to Alex Wilson's church in Pa. (Harmony Pres. Church in Harrisville) Mr. Wilson moved the transfers to be approved. Mrs. Bianca seconded. Carried.

A resolution (as follows) was read to the Session regarding proposed actions to be taken regarding the position of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, in ordaining homosexuals as elders and deacons.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 190th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America adopted a "definitive guidance" policy declaring that unrepentant homosexual practice does not accord with the requirements for ordination of deacons, elders and ministers; and

WHEREAS, all policy statements adopted by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America continue to have the same force by action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in accordance with the Articles of Agreement 1.9 and

WHEREAS, the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y. on June 15, 1983 adopted a resolution, in open defiance of the "definitive guidance" policy adopted by the 190th General Assembly, declaring its congregation to be a

"More Light congregation, extending to all of its members the opportunity for leadership. This includes the right of homosexual persons to be ordained as elders and deacons":

and

WHEREAS, the action of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was announced by its delegates of the meeting of this Presbytery held on July 19, 1983 and again at the meeting held on September 27, 1983;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of Western New York, pursuant to the Book of Order, The Rules of Discipline, D 3.0300 and D. 3.0400, hereby direct that the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church meet and rescind the second paragraph of the rescind the second paragraph of the resolution adopted by it on June 15, 1983. That paragraph read as follows:

"The Session therefore declares this congregation to be a More Light congregation, extending to all of its members the opportunity for leadership. This includes the right of homosexual persons to be ordained as elder and deacon. It is our belief that sexual orientation has no bearing on one's ability to benefit from the contribute to the life of the church. Rather, we are bound together by God's love in ways that transcend differences."

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the delegates to the Presbytery from Westminister Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, report to this Presbytery at its meeting to be held on November 22nd, 1983 as to whether the corrective action directed by this body has been taken and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Session of Westminister Presbyterian Church fails to take the corrective action herein directed, the Presbytery empowers the Moderator of this Presbytery to appoint a special disciplinary committee of not more than five (5) nor less than three (3) members to determine, pursuant to the Book of Order, the Rules of Discipline, Chapter VII, whether charges should be filed by this Presbytery against the Session of Westminister Presbyterian Church.

John Runals moved, Mr. Mullins seconded, that the resolution be adopted by our session to be submitted to Presbytery at next meeting subject only to meeting with Session of Westminister October 19, 1983. If that meeting produces the rescinding of their position, the resolution will not be presented to Presbytery. Carried.

The problem of providing a bus for Senior Citizens was brought up by Mr. Look. A CMI bus possibly could be used. Mr. Look will follow up.

Mrs. Bianca reported about Christmas lighting outside the church. A life-size manger scene also may be available.



Mrs. Gibson moved, Miss Malcolm seconded, that the Stewardship Dinner November 11 be on a contribution basis rather than a per-plate basis. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mrs. Gibson seconded. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-clerk of session

*John Goddard*

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

On October 2, 1983 — World Wide Communion 255 people took Communion

#### SESSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, and Reverend Stevenson  
MESSRS: Mullins, Moore, Gray, Look, Crowell, Wilson, Goddard

EXCUSED: Miss Malcolm, Miss Phillips, Mr. Runals, Mary Jean Bellemore, Dennis Gleason, Dr. Bob Bailey, Helen Fox

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with a reading from Acts 8:26-40.

Reverend Stevenson had to leave the meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
Mr. Mullins filled in as acting moderator.

Mr. Crowell moved and Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the Session Meeting minutes of October 17th. Carried.

Dr. Gray moved to receive the October 24th Treasurer's report. Mrs. Gibson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Crowell seconded that the Spendable Funds Policy and the Investment Policy of the Trustees be placed in the session policy booklet. Carried.

Mrs. Gibson reported for the Youth Education Committee. A program entitled "A Birthday Party," by the Girl's Club, is planned for December 18th (Sunday) during the second hour.

Mrs. Bianca reported that Earl Hilts is ready to install a manager scene in the Church park on November 26th. A 10 foot Christmas tree also is being supplied on November 26th by the city, to be used in the lot on the south side of the church.

Mrs. Rader reported for the nominating committee. A meeting is scheduled for Nov. 28th.

Mrs. Belin reported that the Evangelism Committee is handling the current Inquirers' Group, and it is proceeding smoothly.

Mrs. Bianca suggested that we advertize the Christmas Eve service in the Niagara Gazette. Mrs. Bianca agreed to see Miss Malcolm about the procedure.

Reverend Stevenson returned at 8:30 p.m.

A discussion of committee reporting and structure was held.

Ruth Gibson moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, to postpone until the January Joint Boards meeting the discussion about the camping program. (The date of the original motion on discussion of the camping program was May 16, 1983.) Carried.

The Beacon Motor Inn is reserved for Feb. 10th & 11 (Fri-Sat) for the Church Boards Retreat. A retreat is planned on the theme: "1984: A Year of Renewal and Witness," perhaps with no outside speaker.

The session was generally agreeable to this plan.

An ad hoc committee of approx. 4 is proposed to organize the retreat. Volunteers will be gratefully received.

Reverend Stevenson reported that under the Presbyterian Church USA rules, a board of trustees must be approved by a resolution at the Annual Corporation Meeting in order to exist as a separate board.

Nancy Tedesco wishes to become a member of RC Church (erased from membership) Doris Pettigrew has moved out of town; (to non-active membership list).

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Mullins seconded. Carried.

Jack Scott joined the meeting at this point. He reported for the trustees that a \$51.00 surplus existed from the November 11th dinner.

The Manse windows and doors need repair. Jack Scott urged transfer of funds from lines 655 and 660 as follows: \$25.00 to line #665 and \$900 to line #650

Mr. Look moved, Dr. Gray seconded, to move the money as state above. Carried.

Jack Scott suggested that the \$51.00 profit from the dinner should go to line \$965 (printing). Moved by Mr. Look, seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

Jack Scott reported for the investment Committee (Russ Runals, Ralph Kullmann, Jack Scott, Ken Ranchil). The committee decided that Harold C. Brown & Co., Inc., of Buffalo (in particular McCollum as account rep.) should be investment advisor. They charge 1% only on amount transfer. This company handles accounts for Presbytery..

The December session meeting be on the 12th. New members will be received.

COFFEE Hour Volunteers:

Mr. Look - Dec. 4th

Mr. Wilson Dec. 11

Mr. Moore-Dec. 18

no coffee hour Dec. 25th

Mr. Wilson moved we adjourn. Mrs. Belin closed in prayer at 9:55 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*

John Goddard—Clerk of Session

SATATISTICS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

On November 6, 1983 213 people took Communion

SESSION MEETING, December 12, 1983

PRESENT: Reverend Stevenson, Dr. Gray, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Rader, Miss Malcolm, MESSRS: Bailey, Mullins, Growell, Goddard, Runals, Wilson, Look

EXCUSED: Mr. Gleason, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Belin.

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 with a reading from Colossians 1, and with prayer.

New Members were welcomed. Reverend into membership were:

Readdirmation of Faith:

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ruckh, (Thea)

Profession of Faith

Charles Harman

Profession of Faith and Baptism

Tom Phan

Dr. Gray moved, Mr. Look seconded, that the above members be received into membership, Carried. The congregation will welcome them Sunday.

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the Session Meeting minutes of November 21st. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the approval of the November Treasurer's Report. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried.

Total pledges for \$89,000.00 about \$4,000 ahead of last years pledges. A fair number of pledges are expected to be received shortly, Of the 187 pledges to date, 25 are new.

Mark Mullins and Reverend Stevenson are a committee of two working on the Session Retreat. A speaker is being sought.

Dr. Bailey moved that the bumber of pay periods be changed from 24 to 12 per year.

Dr. Bailey reported for the Personnel Committee. He moved that Carol Lally be retained as a temporary accountant, until a permanent replacemebt be found, at \$10.00 a hour. Seconded by Mr. Goddard. Carried.

Dr. Bailey moved to change the job description of accountant in the following ways:

1. The title be changed from Accountant to Bookkeeper.
  2. The Job is 12 hours /week (budgeted) in no more than two different time periods, one of which is during banking hours. All work must be perfored at the church.
- Carried.

Dr. Bailey moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that the title of Assistant Accountant be changed to Assistant Bookkeeper. Carried.

Dr. Bailey moved and Mr. Wilson seconded that the payrate for bookkeeper be \$5.50/hr. Carried.

The position of bookkeeper is to be advertised in the Dec. 18th bulletin. It will be advertised in the Gazette on December 26, if no response.

Mrs. Rader moved, Miss Malcolm seconded a motion to authorize the treasurer to sign for the new line for Carol Lally. Carried.

Brief year-end committee reports were given.

The 25th Anniversary Fund of Presbyterian Homes was discussed by Reverend Stevenson. The feeling was that we should give people in the congregation an opportunity to contribute to or pledge to this fund in the first 6 months of 1984 with at least a congregational mailing.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that our church participate in the Anniversary Fund Drive. Carried.

For reason of personal commitments, Mr. Bailey is resigning from the session for the last year of his term (1984)

Mr. Stevenson reported that an option existed in hiring an Associate Pastor namely, to share him/her with Community Missions, Inc. for 1 or 2 days a week (1/6 to 1/3 of the total salary package). This will be recommended to the Search Committee.

Mr. Runals moved that the January 16, 1978 policy regarding receipt of gifts be amended to: "No member of the church shall solicit gifts totalling over \$200 to be used for designated purposes for the church without prior approval of the session and in case of gifts to be used for the Church building, without the prior approval of the Board of Trustees."

Mr. Look Seconded. Carried.

Mr. Crowell brought up the problem of hearing speakers on Sunday morning in the back of the Church.

Jack Scott joined the meeting at that point and urged transfer of funds to cover expected line item deficits.

Mr. Look moved that monies left in lines 790 and 791 be transferred to lines 780 and 782, respectively. Dr. Gray seconded. Carried.

Dr. Bailey moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that the balance in line 760 be transferred to line 771, and \$600 out of line 710 to be transferred to line 771. Also, that \$300 be transferred from 710 to line 765. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that Presbytery's request for a pledge in 1984 be referred to the Budget/Finance Committee. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that the annual meeting be held on January 29th, 1984. Carried.



The Trustees will present a motion at the annual meeting to continue the bicameral (trustees and session) system in this church. Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Look seconded that the Session concur. Carried.

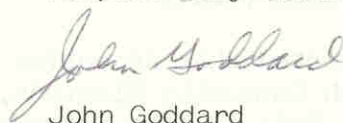
BE IT RESOLVED that the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara, Inc. does hereby elect to continue the existence of a separate elected Board of Trustees as now constituted and authorized by the Religious corporation Law of the State of New York And it is further Resolved that notice of consideration of this resolution be given in the call of the next Annual Meeting of this corporation and that the resolution be considered at said Annual Meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Rader seconded the transfer of Elizabeth Blackwell to inactive roll and restoration of Margaret Gay to active roll (at her request).

Mr. Look moved and Mr. Wilson seconded that we send a note of thanks to Dom Bianca for the Christmas display, and to the garden committee for setting up said display. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Dr. Gray seconded. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
John Goddard

#### SATASTICS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

On December 4th, 1983 178 people took Communion

#### JOINT BOARDS MEETING January 23, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Tutt, Mrs. Bianca, Mr. Igou, Mr. Kullmann, Mr. Bellemore, Mrs. Look, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gleason, Mr. & Mrs. Runals, Dr. Gray, Mr. Mullins, Miss Hackenheimer, Miss Fox, Mr. Dashineay, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Belin, Mr. Hodgins, Mr. Tompkins, Miss Phillips, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Crowell, Mr. Goddard, Reverend Stevenson

The meeting was opened with individual prayers at 7:35 p.m.

Jack Scott, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, explained the proposed budget.

Ralph Kullmann moved, Fred Igou seconded that the budget as compiled (\$10,567 deficit) be presented to the Congregation on behalf of the Trustees. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, the same motion on behalf of the Session Carried.

Motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Look: The Board of Trustees and the Session are permitted to transfer money from one line item to another within the budget sections for which each is responsible within the confines of the dollar total for that section. Written authorization must come of the Board to the Treasurer. Carried.

JOINT BOARDS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.

SESSION MEETING - January 23, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Ginson, Mrs. Bellemore, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Fox, Miss Malcolm, Miss Phillips.

MESSERS: Wilson, Moore, Gleason, Runals, Gray, Look, Mullins, Crowell, Goddard  
Reverend Stevenson

Mrs. Gibson moved that the December 12, 1983, minutes be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried. Mr. Runals moved that the "policy for payment of staff" of December 12, 1983 to the effect that all employees be paid 12 times a year be rescinded since it is against the law. Seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

Mr. Gleason moved that the final 1983 O&B Budget be received. Seconded by Miss Fox. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson described changes in the "Special Funds sheet of the Session Policy Booklet dated 2/7/83. The Rooker Bible Knowledge/Scholarship Income Fund and Youth Program Income Fund are new funds with no capital, to be funded by the interest from the appropriate Endowment Fund.

Mr. Look moved that each year in the Annual Report a list be included of donors who have remembered the Church in their wills, and that the 1983 Annual Report, an additional sheet be prepared with this information. Seconded by Dr. Gray. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Look seconded, that the changes in the "Special Funds" sheets, as of Jan. 23, 1984 be approved. Carried.

Mr. Mullins moved the approval of the 1984 Table of Contents for the Session Policy Booklet. Seconded by Miss Malcolm. Carried.

Letters describing the relationship of the Associate Pastor with CMI were passed out, along with a sheet entitled "addendum to Job description for Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, N.Y." Mr. Goddard moved that we include this addendum in our Policy Booklet. Mr. Crowell seconded, Carried.

#### ADDENDUM TO JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, NY

One sixth of the Associate Pastor's time will be spent as the Chaplain of Community Missions Incorporated of Niagara Falls, N.Y. The remaining five sixths will be spent in the tasks outlined in the job description of Associate Pastor which was included in the Church Information Form.

The duties at CMI would be as follows:

To be chaplain to emotionally handicapped adults and juvenile delinquents in two adult facilities, with a total of 90 residents, and two youth homes, with a total of 10 residents.



At the two adult facilities the chaplain would become acquainted informally with the adult residents and share with them in their religious concerns, initiating such programs as would further that end. The chaplain in order to conduct his/her work with the residents would also need to build a relationship of friendship and trust with the staff of CMI.

At the two youth homes the chaplain would build a relationship with the house parents initially and be available to them in their work with the youth under their care.

A final responsibility is involvement as needed as chaplain to persons in crisis who are being sheltered and fed by the mission.

A regular monthly meeting will be scheduled with the Director of CMI and the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church with the Associate to monitor the division of labor described in this addendum.

Mrs. Bellemore moved, Mrs. Gibson seconded, the approval of Mr. Babcock's letter of January 23rd regarding our agreement with CMI over Associate Pastor time-sharing. Carried.

Mrs. Rader reported for the Mission Committee. The PUMA conference is to meet October 20th, 1984 (Sat.) at our church, by Mission Committee approval and subject to Session approval. Other churches in the area would be invited and help with the arrangements. Mrs. Rader moved that the PUMA Conference held here Oct. 20th, 1984 Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried.

On the Mission Sunday of Feb. 12th, Bud Hinkson, European director of Campus Crusade, will be giving the sermon and describing the work of Campus Crusade. Mr. & Mrs. Hinkson will describe to the Session and Mission Committee at 3-5 p.m. Sunday, February 12th, the missionary work which Elizabeth Stevenson would be doing in Europe under their direction.

Under the new denomination rules, an Associate or Assistant Pastor cannot become pastor of the same church on departure of pastor for whatever reason. Reverend Stevenson suggested that the session approve an overture, to be presented to General Assembly, through our Presbytery, to reverse this policy. Reverend John Foreman of Steel Lake Presbyterian Church has proposed a motion to this effect. Mr. Runals moved that Mr. Foreman's overture be approved, and that we recommend that the Bills and Overtures Committee recommend the overture to Presbytery for adoption and transmission to General Assembly, Mr. Mullins seconded. Carried. (as follows:)

..."The official relationship of an associate or assistant pastor to a church is not affected by the death or resignation of a pastor. No implication of any right of succession may be inferred, promised, or required in the terms of a call to an associate or assistant pastor. An associate or assistant pastor may be considered by the nominating committee of that congregation, on the same bases as all other candidates, for nomination to the congregation for election as pastor. In such cases, the assistant or associate pastor shall give careful consideration to the counsel of the committee on ministry.

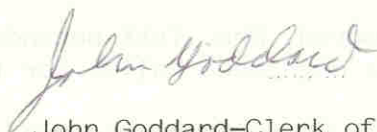
The call to an associate or assistant shall specify the particular functions to be fulfilled. an associate or assistant pastor shall be directed in his or her work by the pastor in consultation with the session."

Miss Malcolm suggested that the 1984 Festival of Lights have more Church Involvement and more religious scenes. The Council of Churches delegates to be elected at next meeting, will be asked to bring this subject up with the Council.

John Runals moved, Mr. Look seconded, that the six (6) elders leaving the board be thanked for their faithful service. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Gibson seconded, that we adjourn. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard—Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

On January 1, 1984 140 people took Communion (New Years Day)

#### ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29, 1984

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with a reading from Acts 4:32-33 followed by prayer.

Bill Gibson moved, Carol Dashineau seconded, the approval of the Annual Report of Clerk of Session. Carried.

Sheila Rader for the Nominating Committee moved the receipt of the following as Elders. Seconded by Dennis Gleason.

CLASS OF '86: Doris Gray, Norma Kullmann, David McMahon, Edith Mitchell, Bill Gibson, Fred Feldhousen

CLASS OF '84: Ed VanValkinburg

Jack Scott moved, Paul Wilson seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Carried.

Jack Scott conducted the Corporation Meeting at this point. Mrs. Runals, Church Treasurer, briefly described the nature of our new financial staff and mechanics

1. P. 43 Church Secretary FICA should be \$637 (not \$473)
2. P. 43 Pastor Ministerial benefits - pension should be \$8,329 (not \$8,327)
3. P. 49 Expenses - Deposit on Beacon Inn should be \$162 (not \$102)
4. P. 42 Gain-Loss Service Contract should read \$238, not \$283.



All totals are correct as give.

Doris Gray moved, Ralph Robertson seconded, the approval of the Treasurer's Report with above corrections. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved the Resolution Continuing the Board of Trustees be approved. Ralph Robertson seconded. Carried.

"Be it resolved that the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara, Inc. does hereby elect to continue the existence of a separate, elected Board of Trustees as now constituted and authorized by the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York."

Mrs. Rader for the Nominating Committee placed the following names in nomination for Trustee: Mark Mullins seconded.

Class of 1985: Melvin Dashineau

Class of 1986 Paul Devitt, Marting Hodgins, James Patch, Erma Runals

Mrs. Dashineau moved, Mrs. Tutt seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, the report of the president be accepted. Carried. The corporation meeting was closed.

Jack Scott for the Budget/Finance Committee presented the proposed 1984 budget. Jack Scott moved, Cheryl Gleason seconded, that the 1984 budget be adopted. Carried.

Dave McMahon moved, Dorothy Ciesielski seconded the approval of the Report of the Board of Deacons. Carried.

Mrs. Rader moved, Bill Gibson seconded, the nominations of the following to the Board of Deacons; Class of 1986: Bruce Andrew, Dorothy Ciesielski, Helen Bobst Greg Lisgett

Jack Scott moved, John Runals seconded, the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Carried.

Bill Gibson reported on the progress of the Associate Pastor Search Committee.

John Runals moved, Paul Devitt seconded the approval of the Annual Report of the Pastor. Carried.

Nominated for the nominating Committee for 1984 were:

Jack Scott, Burt Anderson, Cheryl Gleason, Kate Myers, Fred Gray

Bill Gibson moved, Dorothy Ciesielski seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Carried. John Runals moved, Cheryl Gleason seconded, that the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard -Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, Sunday February 5, 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 11:05 a.m. by Reverend Stevenson.

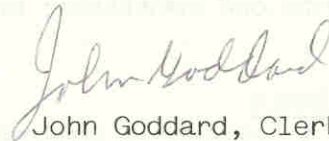
PRESENT: John Runals, John Goddard, Ruth Gibson, Paul Wilson, Roger Crowell, Janet Bianca, Mark Mullins, Dennis Gleason, Fred Gray and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mary Jean Bellemore, Russell Look, Sheila Rader, Blanche Belin, Helen Fox, Larry Moore, Leslie Phillips, Eleeda Malcolm.

Ruth Gibson moved, Fred Gray seconded, that the session call a special congregational meeting for Sunday, February 26th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary to hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee for Associate Pastor. Carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:10 a.m. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard, Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Miss Phillips

MESSRS: Gibson, Mullins, Runals, McMahon, Moore, Crowell, Feldhousen, Wilson, Goddard; Martin Hodgins for the Trustees and Mrs Rader for Mission Committee

EXCUSED: Ed VanValkinburgh, Eleeda Malcolm

ABSENT: Miss Fox

The Session opened the evening with its annual Communion service.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that John Goddard be elected Clerk of Session. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved, Mrs. Gray seconded that Mrs. Runals be elected Treasurer. Carried.

For Chairman of Nominating Committee; Paul Wilson nominated Mrs. Kullmann, Carried.

Mrs. Gray nominated Larry Moore as member of nominating committee. John Runals seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Gray moved, Blanche Belin seconded, that Larry Moore be the alternate Presbytery Delegate.

Mr. Mullins nominated Riger Crowell As Presbytery delegate. Mrs. Kullmann seconded. Carried.



Mr. Mullins moved, Mr. Runals seconded Paul Wilson as Council of Churches Representative. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved, Fred Feldhousen seconded, that Russ Look be a Council of Churches Representative. Carried.

#### SESSION PHONING COMMITTEE

Janet Bianca  
Norma Kullmann  
Doris Gray  
Blanche Belin

Mr. McMahon moved, Mrs. Gray seconded that \$2,000 of Minister's & Associate Ministers salary be designated as supplemental housing allowance. Carried.

The Committee Structure was changed only to combine Ecumenical Affairs and Church Society into one committee; moved by Mr. Mullins, seconded by Mr. McMahon. Carried.

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#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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| Pastoral Care & Fellowship               | Chairman: Paul Wilson<br>Vice Chairman: Roger Crowell        |
| Evangelism & Nurture Committee:          | Chairman: Fred Feldhousen<br>Vice Chairman: Blanche Belin    |
| Youth Education Committee:               | David McMahon<br>Vice Chairman: Mark Mullins                 |
| Adult Ed Committee                       | Chairman: John Goddard<br>Vice Chairman: Larry Moore         |
| Personnel Committee                      | Chairman: John Runals<br>Vice Chairman: Bill Gibson          |
| Stewardship Committee                    | Chairman: Edith Mitchell<br>Vice Chairman: Ed VanValkinburgh |
| Mission Committee:                       | Chairman: Leslie Phillips<br>Vice Chairman: Janet Bianca     |
| Worship Committee:                       | Chairman: Norma Kullmann<br>Vice Chairman: Eleeda Malcolm    |
| Ecumenical Affairs &<br>Church & Society | Chairman: Doris Gray<br>Vice Chairman: Helen Fox             |

Pastoral Assistants: Helen Bobst, Paul Wilson, Roger Corwell, Esther Werner, Peggy Patch are willing to continue. Janet Bianca moved, Norma Kullmann seconded, that these people be elected for another 1-year term. Carried.

John Runals moved, Bill Gibson seconded the approval of the minutes of the Joint Boards Meeting of Jan. 23 and the special meeting of Feb. 5th, '84 Carried.

Martin Hodgins for the Trustees presented a Capital Projects list of 12 items Number 1 priority is a Fire Alarm System: #2 a heating zone system. John Runals moved, Bill Gibson seconded, that we receive and file the Capital Projects list. Carried.

Mrs. Rader reported for the Mission Committee.

1. Mark & Cindy Mullins are planning to reach in Japan in a Christian school and require Session endorsement. Paul Wilson moved, John Runals seconded. Carried.

2. Elizabeth Stevenson is planning to spend one year working in Eastern Europe with the Hinksons (Campus Crusade for Christ) as administrative assistant, David McMahon moved, Roger Crowell seconded.

(A) The approval of the Elizabeth Stevenson Mission Fund (as per Special Funds as per sheet hand-out)

(B) That permission be granted to raise support from members of the Congregation. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that the Ash Wednesday Council of Churches Communion service be held here. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that Madelyn Tyler be restored to active roll. Carried.

COFFEE HOUR: March 4- Edith Mitchell, Janet Bianca

March 11-Leslie Phillips

March 18 - Doris Gray, Paul Wilson

March 25- Larry Moore

Bill Gibson moved, Doris Gray seconded, that Mark Mullins be acting Clerk for Sunday's Congregational meeting. Carried.

John Runals moved, Mark Mullins seconded that Session file a complaint with the Synod of the Northeast Presbytery of WNY on grounds of irregularity and delinquency in respect of its action taken to the resolution of Westminster Presbytery Church Buffalo, N.Y. of June 15, 1983 in defiance of policy of 190 General Assembly of PCUSA regarding ordination of practicing homosexuals. Carried. (as follow s)

Mr. Wilson moved we adjourn. Blanche Belin seconded. Carried. Time 10:16 pm.

BEFORE THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF THE

SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

AGAINST

THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NEW YORK

TO THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST:

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York, hereby complains to the Synod of the Northeast of the action of the Presbytery of Western New York concerning a resolution adopted by the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, New York, as follows:

1. The First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York (hereinafter referred to as "complainant") is a particular presbyterian church governed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and located within the geographical boundaries of the Presbytery of Western New York.

2. The Presbytery of Western New York (hereinafter referred to as "Presbytery") is a presbytery within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having its principal office at 2450 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

3. Westminster Presbyterian Church (hereinafter referred to as "Westminster") is a particular church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), located at 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. and within the geographical boundaries of the Presbytery of Western New York.



4. Heretofore and in 1978 the 190th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in a statement of "definitive guidance," interpreted the Form of Government, Chapter VII, which deals with qualifications for ordination to church office, to mean that "unrepentant homosexual practice does not accord with the requirements for ordination", thereby prohibiting the ordination of self-affirming practicing homosexuals as elders, deacons, and trustees.

5. Thereafter and in June of 1978, the Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America caused to be published an opinion regarding the "definitive guidance" adopted by the 190th General Assembly in which opinion said Stated Clerk stated that the 190th General Assembly had interpreted the Constitution of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America to Expressly forbid the ordination as Deacons and/or elders of persons who are self-affirming practicing homosexuals.

6. The action of the 190th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church and the interpretation given by said Stated Clerk were reaffirmed by the 192nd and 194th General Assemblies.

7. Pursuant to Section 1.9 of the Articles of Agreement executed under the Plan for Reunion, policy statements adopted by or issued at the direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America continue to have the same force and effect in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) until rescinded, altered or supplemented by action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

8. Upon information and belief, the definitive guidance policy adopted by the 190th General Assembly has not been rescinded, altered or supplemented by an action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

9. On June 15, 1983, the Session of Westminster adopted a resolution specifically disagreeing with and in open defiance of the "Definitive guidance" policy adopted by the 190th General Assembly and of the opinion of said Stated Clerk and the reaffirmance of said policy as aforesaid, declaring its congregation to be a "More Light congregation, extending to all of its members the opportunity for leadership. This includes the right of homosexual persons to be ordained as elder and deacon."

10. The action of the Session of Westminster was conveyed to Presbytery by the Clerk of the said Session under date of June 29, 1983, and the action was reported to Presbytery at its meeting on July 18, 1983. No action was taken at this meeting by Presbytery in respect of said report.

11. The action of Westminster was discussed at the Presbytery meeting held September 27, 1983, at which time correspondence from various Sessions of Presbyterian churches within the Presbytery condemning the Westminster action was called to the attention of members and commissioners. Again, no action was taken by Presbytery at said meeting with respect to Westminster's resolution.

12. At the November 22, 1983 meeting of said Presbytery, a resolution adopted by Sessions of seven (7) churches within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was introduced requesting Presbytery to direct Westminster to correct its action. This resolution was, upon the recommendation of its General Council, tabled until the February 14, 1984 meeting of Presbytery.



13. At its February 14, 1984 meeting Presbytery took the following action, per minutes:

"Presbytery took the following action:

Since the Session of Westminster Church has taken a position in opposition to the guidelines of General Assembly concerning the ordination of homosexual elders and deacons, the Presbytery finds their action, though done in good conscience, to be in violation of established procedures.

The Presbytery requests the Session of Westminster Church to offer an Overture to the General Assembly for Presbytery's study, debate, and action that will affirm a long standing practice of our Presbyterian system of government that places the responsibility for determining the qualifications of a candidate for ordination upon the ordaining judicatory; for ministers on Presbytery, and for elders and deacons on local congregations, the judicatories best qualified to make such determinations.

Presbytery also voted to have the Moderator appoint a five person committee, three elders and two ministers, to meet with the Session of the Westminster Church, Buffalo, to listen to their reaction to Presbytery's action, and discuss appropriate response to Presbytery's request, and next steps that could be taken."

14. The action of the Session of Westminster is almost a renunciation of the jurisdiction and authority of the government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since it essentially asserted itself to be a "congregational" church rather than a "connectional" church as provided in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

15. The action of the Session of Westminster, being contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) as interpreted as a foresaid and in deliberate violation thereof, required more response from Presbytery than the mere acknowledgment of a "violation of established procedure". Presbytery failed even to direct the Session of Westminster to reconsider its action.

16. A dissent and a protest to said failure to act, signed by 27 members and commissioners attending and voting at the Presbytery meeting were filed in accordance with the Book of Order prior to the adjournment of the aforesaid February 14th meeting.

17. The action of Presbytery constitutes an irregularity under the Book of Order since it has failed to take action to correct the deliberate and wilful disobedience by Westminster of a lawful injunction of the General Assembly.

18. The Presbytery failed in its responsibilities to the church at large, and by failing to insist upon obedience to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A,) has imperiled the order, unity, authority, discipline, integrity, health and peace of the church.

19. The Presbytery should be directed to correct its action and to direct the Session of Westminster to correct its action as foresaid and to obey the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) respecting the qualifications for the ordination of ministers, elders and deacons.

Wherefore, the complainant respectfully prays that the Synod of the Northeast exercise its authority to review the actions of the Presbyter of Western New York and of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, as aforesaid and direct these bodies to conform to and follow the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Feb. 20th, 1984

The Special Congregational Meeting was called to order 11:30 a.m. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Mr. Bill Gibson, chairman of the Assistant Pastor Nominating (Search) Committee, reported on their work over the past months and their unanimous decision to nominate Mr. Douglas Dudley for the position of Associate Minister of First Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Stevenson asked the congregation: Are you ready to proceed to the election of an Associate Pastor? The congregation consented and proceeded to a vote.

Ballots were distributed. Results: 76 yes, 7 no.

Mr. Fred Feldhausen moved, and Fred Gray seconded, that the Nominating Committee be elected to sign the call on behalf of the congregation. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Carol Dashineau. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson closed the meeting in prayer at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mullins—secretary pro temp.

SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 5, 1984 188 people took Communion

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 11:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 11:05 a.m. by Reverend Stevenson.

PRESENT: John Runals, John Goddard, Ruth Gibson, Paul Wilson, Roger Crowell, Janet Bianca, Mark Mullins, Dennis Gleason, Fred Gray and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mary Jean Bellemore, Russell Look, Sheila Rader, blanche Belin, Helen Fox, Larry Moore, Leslie Phillips, Eleeda Malcolm.

Ruth Gibson moved, Fred Gray seconded, that the session call a special congregational meeting for Sunday, February 26th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary to hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee for Associate Pastor. Carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:10 a.m. with prayer by Reverend Stevenson.

Respectfully submitted

SESSION MEETING-March 19, 1984

PRESENT: Miss Malcolm, Miss Fox, Mrs. Bianaca, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Phillips: MESSRS: Goddard, Gibson, Feldhousen, VanValkinburgh, Crowell, Wilson, McMahon, Moore, Mullins, Reverend Stevenson, Mr. Marty Hodgins-Board of Trustees

EXCUSED: Mr. Runals

John Goddard opened the meeting with a reading from John 17, and with prayer.

Bill Gibson moved, Fred Feldhousen seconded the approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 29th, of the Special Congregational Meeting of Feb. 26th and the Session Meeting of Feb, 20.

Martin Hodgins explained the proposed Smoke Detector-heat riser Alarm System for the Church. Cost \$3945 from Sentinel Services, Inc. Added annunciation panel \$1275. Total \$5,220. Required down payment \$2700. The panel might be required if pending legislation becomes law. If panel is separately put in, the cost will be \$4000.

Mr. Van Valkinburgh moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that on the first Sunday in April an appeal to raise money for a Fire Prevention Fund be made to the congregation by bulletin article, envelope, and by Minute for Mission, with a follow up appeal two weeks later if necessary. Carried...

Mr. Gibson moved that a minimum sum of \$3,000 be collected before the Trustees be authorized to begin the project. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mr. VanValkinburg moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that anything received over \$5,220 be transferred to the Building and Maintenance Fund. Carried.

Mr. McMahon moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the Spring 1984 Stewardship Committee Proposed Special Offering schedule be approved. Carried.

Mr. McMahon reported for the Youth Education Committee. Workers in Little Church Nursery and Sunday School teachers are needed. Committee members also are needed. Sunday School training events are needed. Anyone who knows of someone who could do any of the above should let Mr. McMahon know.

Mrs. Kullmann reported for the Worship Committee. Volunteers for Communion in April were recruited.

Mr. Wilson thanked those who wrote "Ask Me" buttons last Guest Sunday.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Gray seconded that a Connie Henshaw Fund be established.

A "Committee of Counsel" to represent the session in its complaint against Presbytery is needed. Mr. Tevenson and Mr. Runals are proposed as delegates. Paul Wilson moved. Fred Feldhousen seconded. Carried.

Reverend Stevenson described the PUBC/Lay Committee meeting to be held at Lancaster Presbyterian Church on March 20th. An invitation to all session members and their spouses was made.



Reverend Stevenson brought up the fact that our church allowed an elder delegate for the June 1985 General Assembly, who should be chosen by September 1984.

Mr. Goddard read a letter from David McFarlane, Pastor of North Presbyterian Church, in praise of our pastor's handling of the issues regarding the homosexual question. This praise comes from an opposition viewpoint.

Mr. Feldhausen moved we adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded. Bill Ginson closed in prayer at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### Statistics for month MARCH

On March 4, 1984 187 people took communion

#### SESSION MEETING APRIL 16, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, Miss Malcolm, Messrs: VanValkinburg, Crowell, Wilson, Moore, Mullins, Goddard; Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Gray, Miss Phillips, Mr. Gibson, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Runals, Mr. Feldhausen

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 with a reading from Luke 15, the parable of the 100 sheep, followed by a commentary on counting lost sheep in the life of a church.

The Session met in a 3 groups to discuss and pray about under-used people in the life of the church and how they might serve.

Reverend Stevenson suggested that each Session Committee take one Session meeting to (1) lead devotions, and (2) give a longer-than-usual presentation of their committee work. In May, the Mission Committee will have this assignment.

A sign-up sheet for elder assistance in worship was passed around. Assistors are asked to shake hands after the service at one of the doors.

Mr. Mullins moved, Miss Fox seconded the approval of the March 19th minutes. In Paragraph #3 the total should read \$5,220 not \$5,330. Carried.

Miss Fox moved, Mr. VanValkinburg seconded, that the Feb. & March Treasurer's Reports be approved. Carried.

Committee Reports were then given.

The Personnel Committee requested the guidance of the Session with respect to payment of Norma Kullmann for services rendered as substitute Choir Director in view of the policy adopted by said Session on Sept. 15, 1980 that no member of the Church who is receiving compensation for services may be elected to Session or Trustees.

It was recommended that the above policy be amended to include "as a regular full or part time employee." Moved by Mr. Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Crowell. Carried.

The Personnel Committee also recommended that an additional 6 hr/mo paid at usual rate be allotted for bookkeeper May-Dec.'84. Mr. Wilson moved, Miss Malcolm seconded. Carried.

Logistics of the offering and Communion of Maundy Thursday Service were discussed.

Doug Dudley will be examined at the April 24th Presbytery Meeting at Lafayette Pres. Church. Session members are invited. The ordination exam will be approx. 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that July 22nd be the ordination/installation service for Douglas Dudley. Carried.

A Good Friday Breakfast at Niagara United Pres. Church will be held at 7:30 a.m. All are invited.

On Friday April 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Orchard Park Pres. Church, J. Randolph Taylor, moderator of PCUSA, will be speaking. Roger Crowell is handling reservations.

A guest preacher is needed for June 3. Tony DiBiasi will be asked.

June 10 is to be Baccalaureate Sunday, Youth Sunday June 17th and New Members received June 24th.

Mrs. Mitchell moved, Miss Fox seconded the approval of the above four events in June. Carried.

Mr. Goddard read a letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church extending an invitation for sessions in Presbytery to discuss with them the "More Light" Issues with the goal of avoiding division in the Presbytery. Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Mullins seconded, that we consider the invitation at the May Session meeting. Carried.

On Jan 7th-10th, 1985 Dallas, there will be a Presbyterian Congress on Renewal. "Earlybird" registration is \$40.00 per person. Payments for seven (7) will be made through the special gift fund.

Elveda Malcolm moved we adjourn. Helen Fox seconded. Time 9:53 Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING MAY 21, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gray: MESSRS: McMahon, Crowell, Wilson, Runals, Moore, Mullins, Feldshousen, Goddard, Gibson and Reverend Stevenson

EXCUSED: Miss Phillips, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Malcolm

ABSENT: Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Fox, Mr. VanValkinburg

The meeting was opened at 7:33 p.m. with sentence prayers

Janet Bianca moved the approval of the minutes of the April 16 Session meeting. Doris Gray seconded. Carried.

John Runals moved, Mr. McMahon seconded the approval of the April Treasurers report. Carried.

John Runals explained the status of the Deni mortgage..

Janet Bianca gave an extended presentation for the Mission Committee. The PUMA and New Wilmington Conferences were discussed. Reverend Stevenson suggested the idea of designating our 1985 Presbyterian Homes benevolence (1984 benevolence to Pres. Homes to undesignated) to be used for a chaplaincy.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Feldshousen seconded that we designate \$600 of our 1985 benevolences to a Pres. Homes chaplaincy, pending mission committee approval. Carried.

Paul Wilson reported for the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee

Dave McMahon reported for the Youth Education Committee. Fifty % scholarships will be made available for youth campers. Funding is proceeding well so far. Jan Pasisz has volunteered to be nursery supervisor. Drivers are needed for July 1 and July 7 for Camp Duffield

Mr. Feldshousen reported for the Evangelism and Nurture Committee. Study fellowship leaders are to get together once a month. A potluck supper is scheduled for June 1 at 6:30 at the church.

The Women's Association is planning a Pantry Shower for the Dudley's ( A replenishing of staples.)

John Runals reported on the progress of the complaint of the 12 churches of Presbyter against the Presbytery of Western New York. The simultaneous trial of the 12 complaints will be on June 11, 10 a.m. at North Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that we remove the letter of Westminster Church from the table (tabled April 16, 1984) reject their invitations to meet regarding the "More Light iuuse. Carried.

A chartering committee meeting of the Presbytery of Western New York Lay Committee will be held at Lancaster Pre s. Church Tuesday May 22, 7:30 p.m Pastors and lay people from area churches are invited.

James John Alexander and Jodi Alexander are to be baptized on June 24th. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

We are entitled to a Lay delegate to the 1985 General Assembly. We must decide who by Sept. 1. Volunteers?

Mr. Wilson moved we adjourn. Mr. Crowell seconded. Reverend Stevenson closed in prayer. Time 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

  
John Goddard—Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1984

On May 6, 1984 188 people took Communion

#### SESSION MEETING JUNE 18, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Mitchell, Messrs: Runals, Crowell, Moore, Wilson, Feldhausen, Mullins, Gibson, Van Valkenburg, Miss Phillips, Malcolm Reverend Stevenson, Doug Dudley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Belin, Miss Fox, Messrs: Goddard, McMahon

The meeting was called to order by Reverend Stevenson with devotions using Luke 18. The theme being the need to continue praying more and more; to build a closer relationship with the Lord: - to think things through with Him; and emphasis of prayer becoming a habit.

Doug Dudley was then introduced and welcomed as our new associate minister. He responded in an enthusiastic manner. He is happy to be here, it's being the Lord's will and that he is excited about the future.

A motion to receive the following new members was made by Edith Mitchell with a second by Roger Crowell. Motion was carried.

#### THE FOLLOWING JOINED BY BAPTISM AND PROFESSION

|                       |                            |                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| James M. Alexander    | John Douglas Henshaw       | Mina Christian Lasher |
| Deborah Alexander     | John Christopher LaRusso   |                       |
| Paul Everette Chatmon | Margaret Rosemarie LaRusso |                       |

#### THE FOLLOWING JOINED BY BAPTISM & PROFESSION

Mary Ann Adkins  
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THE FOLLOWING JOINED BY LETTER OF TRANSFER

Donovan Lee Klaaren  
Marilyn Klaaren

These new members who will be publically welcomed at worship June 24, 1984.

Jane & Keith & Sandra Spillenaar and Linda and Carey Tyler have requested to be reunited into the church family. A motion by Paul Wilson with a second by Norma Kullmann moved that they be received by letters of transfer. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the infant baptisms of Jennifer Nicole, daughter of May Adkins and Ryan Robert Gleason, son of Cheryl and Dennis Gleason was made by Bill Gibson with a seconded by John Runals. Carried.

Mel Dashineau from the Board of Trustees next- presented an immediate need for a dehumidifier for the room in the basement which was the old gym. This room has been requested by the Junior High group - approx. \$2,000 would be needed.

A motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from line 311 Capital funds to line 310 for this expenditure was made by Paul Wilson and seconded by Roger Crowell. Motion carried.

The second matter was recorded. The payment has been received from the Deni Mortgage. The discharge of this mortgage goes into the capital gifts and legacy fund according to our policy

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed with a motion by John Runals and seconded by Larry Moore. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 21, 1984 meeting were accepted with a motion by John Runals and seconded by Doris Gray. Carried.

Leslie Phillips, chairman of the Mission Committee next reported on the progress of the Elizabeth Stevenson Mission Fund. Bill Gibson acted as moderator of this part of the meeting. As of June 14th \$3,000 had been donated. The tuition for Elizabeth's course at Middleberry has been paid. Leslie recommended that the church as a whole support Elizabeth and use money from the Bible Knowledge and scholarship Fund which is available. With a motion by Norma Kullmann and a second by Larry Moore, a \$200 Scholarship from the above fund be granted Elizabeth Stevenson toward her Campus Crusade Training. Carried.

REPORT ON "MORE LIGHT" ISSUE

Reverend Stevenson and John Runals much questioning and discussion. Doris Gray made a motion with a second by Paul Wilson to empower John Runals to appeal or not to appeal no matter what Westminster Church says. Carried.

The next meeting will be Monday August 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Doug Dudley closed the meeting with prayer. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Paul Wilson and second by Ed VanValkinburg. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Minutes taken by Eleeda Malcolm in absence of John Goddard.

Respectfully submitted

Eleeda Malcolm-Sec. pro temp.

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF JUNE

On June 3, 1984 167 people took Communion

**APPROVED**

The Presbytery of Western New York

Albert Stoddard Moderator

Date 9/25/84

#### SESSION MEETING AUGUST 13, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Malcolm, Miss Fox. Reverend Stevenson & Reverend Dudley messrs; Moore, Wilson, Runals, Gibson, VanValkinburg, Goddard, Feldhousen, Mullins, McMahon

EXCUSED: Miss Phillips, Mr. Crowell

The meeting was opened at 7:35 with Scripture readings passed out by Eleeda Malcolm; devotions were concluded with a group prayer.

Paul Wilson moved, Doris Gray seconded the following into membership.

REAFFIRMATION:

Ruth Williams

CONFESSION AND BAPTISM:

Larry Williams

Carried.

Mr. Runals moved Mr. Gibson seconded, the approval of Session minutes of June 18. Carried.

Larry Moore, Blanche Belin seconded, the approval of the baptism of Eric Williams. Carried.



Reverend Stevenson updated the Session on our involvement in the "More Light" issue. John Runals has been elected Counsel for the Committee of Counsel in the appeal to the General Assembly Judicial Commission. He explained that we have no choice but to appeal the decision of the Synod permanent Judicial Committee. Mr. McMahon moved, Mr. Moore seconded that the Session concur in the decision to appeal. Carried.

Doris Gray moved, Bill Gibson seconded, the authorization of a "More Light Legal Fund", with the expenditures in the charge of the Ecumenical Affairs Committee. Carried. (Mr. Runals abstained).

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that our Church contribute \$250 to the above fund from the Special Gift Fund. Carried. Reverend Stevenson who authorizes expenditures from this fund concurred.

Norma Kullmann reported for the Worship Committee. Clothilde Dooley is the communion recruiter. Addition of songs to the red hymnalbooks was recommended. The bus driver was urged to come somewhat later on Sundays. Ellen Anderson was authorized to pay bills in Mornas absence. Plans for a new Coffee Maker purchase were scrapped. A request was made for ushers to help the elderly to the buses. Requests for singing before the service starts were made in lieu of pre-service Prelude. A request was made for ushers to pick up the filled-out pages of the Friendship pads.

Fred Feldhousen reported for the Evangelism and Nurture Committee. They sponsored the Koinonia sing—along of 140 people in Prospect Park and at the church. Thursday is the first Bible Study Fellowship Leaders meeting.

John Goddard reported for the Adult Education Committee. The new schedule for courses was summarized.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that Paul Wilson be the Elder Nominee for Commissioner to General Assembly. Carried.

#### COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 2 - John Goddard - Sept. 9th Doris Gray and Fred Feldhousen, Sept. 16th Blanche Belin, Paul Wilson — Sept. 23rd Ed VanValkinburg, Sept. 30th Helen Fox, Norma Kullmann

Jan 7th 10th, 1985 - The Presbyterian Congress on Renewal will be held in Dallas Texas. Our Church has paid for five people's registrations.

Our Church contributed \$4,752 to Presbyterian Homes 25th Anniversary Offering.

Fred Feldhousen moved, Helen Fox seconded that we plan to have a Boards Retreat for 1985. Carried.

Bill Gibson volunteered to help the event. John Runals moved and Paul Wilson seconded that Bill be on an AdHoc Committee with the pastors for the retreat. Carried.

Helen Fox moved and Mark Mullins seconded that Doug Dudley be allowed to attend a Pastorate Start-up Seminar at Keuka College on November 7-8th Carried. Funds will be supplied from the Special Gift Fund according to Reverend Stevenson

Ralph Kullmann joined the meeting at this point. He described the new Office Equipment Committee. They ascertained that our (old) office equipment could last 2-5 years. Near term recommendations: secure another typewriter as soon as possible (\$800-1200) Long term recommendations: Replace rest of equipment—Obtain new techniques — Computer for financial records.

Blanche Belin moved, Paul Wilson seconded that between \$800 and \$1200 be designated for purchase of an electronic typewriter from line 311. Capital Gifts and Legacies Fund. Carried.

Paul Wilson moved we adjourn. John Runals seconded. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer at 9:33 p.m.

After the meeting, Ralph Kullmann demonstrated the use of his PC for church applications.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - WED. SEPT. 5th 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Mitchell, MESSRS: Runals, McMahon, Gibson. Wilson, Crowell, Goddard, Moore, Feldhousen: Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Mr. VanValkinburg, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Gray, Miss Fox, Miss Phillips

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Reverend Stevenson announced that he has received a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, La. He wishes to accept this call. He was offered a call July 15th after preaching a sermon there. The official call was on the last Sunday in August. He explained this call.

John Runals moved that a Congregational Meeting for September 16, 1984 be called for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Reverend A. Russell Stevenson effective October 14th, 1984. Larry Moore seconded, Carried

In the absence of a pastor, a new moderator of Session will be appointed by Presbytery.

It was suggested that the nominating committee, Mrs. Kullmann, chairman, come up with a slate of nominees for a pastoral search committee.

The agreement with Community Missions regarding Reverend Dudley's service is dissolved on departure of Reverend Stevenson. A new relation needs to be established also in our own church for Reverend Dudley, It was also felt that supply preaching supplement the reaching of Reverend Dudley.



Actual departure date for Reverend Stevenson will be Thursday October 11.

John Runals moved we adjourn.. Bill Gibson seconded. REverend Dudley closed in prayer. at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1984

Meeting was called to order by the moderator, A. Russell Stevenson, at 11:00 a.m.

John Runals moved, seconded by Paul Wilson, that the congregation join with the Reverend A. Russell Stevenson in requesting presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls and appoint Paul Wilson, Russ Runals, and Roger Crowell as representatives of the congregation to convey this action to presbytery at it's meeting of September 25th. Carried.

Fred Feldhousen moved, Larry Moore seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Reverend Stevenson at 11:03 a.m.

John Goddard,



Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Gray, Miss Fox, MESSRS: Feldhousen, Wilson, Runals, Moore, Mullins, Crowell, Goddard, McMahon, VanValkinburg; Mrs. Martin Hodgins (Trustees) Reverend Stevenson and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Miss Phillips, Miss Malcolm, Mr. Gibson

At 7:35 p.m. Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with a reading of the Last Discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Reverend Stevenson prayed for guidance for us as a session during the months ahead.

Mr. Mullins moved the approval of the minutes of the Sessions meetings of Aug. 13th and September 5th, 1984. Mrs. Bianca seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Runals moved and Mr. Mullins seconded the approval of the August treasurers' reports. Carried.

Mr. Hodgins explained the status of the Deni mortgage receipts and the desire of the Trustees to place \$15,000 in a special fund designated for emergency

building and plant use, and to place the remaining \$990.51 in line 310, Building and Maintenance Fund.

Mr. Hodgins also explained that the Trustees recommended a 5-member committee (2 from trustees, 2 from session, 1 from congregation who will act as chairman) to study the future use of sale of the manse and to report to the Trustees and Session at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Runals moved that the 5-member Committee be formed, with the provision that the Pastoral Search Committee be consulted about the need for a manse in attracting candidates. Mr. VanValkinburg seconded. Carried.

Mr. Mullins moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that the Trustees request regarding disposition of the Deni mortgage be referred to the next Session meeting. Carried.

Edith Mitchell reported for the Stewardship Committee. The committee met on September 8th and developed an agenda for fall campaign. Mrs. Mitchell moved, Mr. Moore seconded. Carried. Volunteers for serving through the Stewardship Drive are needed.

Janet Bianca reported for the Mission Committee. A potluck dinner is planned for Friday Saturday the 20th will be the Mission Program, including 3 workshops and 5 missionaries. Host or hostesses for missionaries are needed for Friday, Sat., and Sunday.

Larry Moore reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee is getting ready to choose nominees for a Pastoral Search Committee. Fred Feldhousen reported for the Evangelism & Nurture Committee. An Inquirers Group is planned starting Oct. 14th for 6 Sundays. Session volunteers are requested.

Baptisms of Kevin Rader and Kristy Ann DiGregorio on September 23rd and Kristena Marie Wozniak on Sept. 30th was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Belin. Carried.

Mr. Goddard reported for the Adult Education Committee. Attendance at the course by A. DiBiase has exceeded expectations.

Mrs. Gray moved, Miss Fox seconded that Reverend Dudley's name be placed on the signature card for the Pastor's Fund. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved and Mr. Mullins seconded that Reverend Dudley be authorized to disburse the Special Gift Fund. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mr. Runals seconded that the Mission Committee ask Clark Pinnock to preach October 28th at the Mullins commissioning Sunday. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded that Paul Wilson be appointed by the Session as an alternate delegate to Presbytery. This is to qualify him for attendance at the 1986 General Assembly. Carried.

Mr. Runals reported on the "More Light" issue. The case will be argued in February 1985 before Permanent Judicial Commission. Mr. Stevneson will be replaced on the Committee of Counsel.



~~Mr. Runals reported on the Moore's light issue. The case will be argued in February.~~

Mr. Runals handed out a 3 page report of a Personnel Committee meeting held Sept. 10th. Reverend Dudley's recommended new responsibilities were listed in this report. Mr. Runals moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded the approval of the new job description., effective October 15th. Carried.

At this point, Reverend Stevenson left and Reverend Dudley was appointed moderator pro tems.

Mr. Mullins moved that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Crowell contact Presbytery regarding moderator for Congregation meeting, supply preaching, and session moderator. Mrs. Kullmann seconded. Mr. VanValkinburg amended the motion such that we specifically ask for Reverend Dudley to be session moderator. Mr. Wilson seconded. Mr. Mullins accepted the amendment. Carried.

Mrs. Gray moved that we hold an open house for the Stevenson's on October 7th Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. Mrs. Kullmann moved and Mr. Feldhausen seconded that Janet Bianca form a committee for this open house. Carried. Volunteers are requested.

Mr. Feldhausen moved we adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. Mr. Moore closed with prayer at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*

John Goddard Clerk of Session

#### SATISTICS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 1984

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bianca, MESSRS: Runals, Wilson, Crowell, Mullins, Moore, Goddard, Gibson, Reverend Stevenson, Reverend Dudley,  
EXCUSED: Mrs. Gray, Miss Phillips, Mr. Feldhausen, Miss Malcolm

Reverend Stevenson opened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

John Runals announced that Reverend Howard Haines has agreed to moderate the Session and to act as part-time Interim Pastor, preaching once a month and to perform other pastoral duties. He will not serve as head of staff.

TERMS: \$80.00/Month Travel (Oct. 1, 1984 commencing)  
\$75.00/Each Sunday he preaches (Oct. 14, 1984 commencing)  
He will be present one day (7 hours) per week at rate of \$300 a month, commencing Oct. 15, 1984)

Mr. Runals moved Reverend Haines be hired under these terms, money to be taken from line 700, payments to be authorized by Chairman of Worship Committee. Mrs. Bianca seconded. Carried.

John Runals moved that the Worship Committee be authorized to pay \$75.00 a Sunday for other supply preaching from line 700. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

John Runals moved that we call a Special Session Meeting for Oct. 1, 1984. to meet with the Ministerial Relations Committee of Presbytery. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Larry Moore moved we adjourn. Mr. Gibson seconded. Reverend Dudley closed with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard—Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING — OCTOBER 1, 1984

PRESENT: Miss Fox, Mrss Malcolm, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gray, MESSRS: Runals, Gibson, Crowell, Wilson, Feldhousen, Moore, Goddard, Mullins, VanValkinburg; Reverend Haines, Reverend Dudley; Reverend Frank (Presbytery); Marge Stratton (ministerial relations committee rep.)

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Runals introduced Reverend Howard Haines as our interim moderator, and re-explained his terms of hire.

Reverend Haines explained that his title according the Book of Order could be parish associate or interim assistant.

Reverend Haines formally opened the meeting with prayer.

Paul Wilson moved, Helen Fox seconded the approval of infant baptism of Charlotte Marie Srock and James Patrick Scrok II, Carried. Larry Moore moved, John Runals seconded, the approval of the adult baptism of Phyllis Hiller on Sunday October 7th. Carried.

Larry Moore moved Mrs. Kullmann seconded that the Session request the appointment of Howard B. Haines as Moderator. Carried. Mrs. Gray moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded that the Session request that Howard Haines be designated "Parish Associate." Carried.

Reverend Frank Wright then passed our sheets entitled "Steps for the Session in Preparing to Seek A New Pastor.",

Marge Stratton will be COM (Committee on Ministry) representative (formerly MR Committee).

John Runals moved that the Session call a Congregational meeting on October 14th at 11:00 a.m. immediately following the Church service to elect a PNC (search committee). Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried.

Mr. Feldhousen moved that the Nominations Committee will pick the PNC. Seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Helen Fox moved that the money for the reception for the Stevensons come from line 700. Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.



Mr. Runals moved that the Session be authorized to instruct treasurer to draw a check from line 450 payable to Mrs. Bianca for the total amount of the funds received for Stevenson's special gift so that she may present a cash gift to the Stevensons on the day of the reception. Mr. Ginson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved we adjourn. Mr. Runals seconded. The meeting closed at 9:25 p.m. with sentence prayers.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY OCT. 15, 1984

PURPOSE: TO ELECT A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Search Committee)

MODERATOR: Reverend Howard Haines

Larry Moore opened the meeting with prayer at 11:15 a.m. Norma Kullmann, nominating committee chairman, gave the nine (9) nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

These are: Dorathy Andrew, Jack Cowan, Peter Dooley, Penny Felstead, Bill Gibson, Juanita Look, Elizabeth Mitchell, Thea Ruckh and Paul Wilson.

Norma Kullmann moved, Blanche Belin seconded, that the PNC size be 9 members. Carried.

Mark Mullins nominated Fred Feldhousen, John Runals nominated Doris Gray. Leslie Phillips nominated Cheryl gleason, Erma Runals moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Helen Fox. Carried.

Ballots were then passed out.

Jim Patch moved that three alternate members be selected, in order of their vote total. Seconded by Erma Runals. Carried.

Helen Fox moved that reading of the minutes be dispenses wiht. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:54 A.M. to reconvene at 12:10 p.m. on a motion by Flo DeFranco, seconded by Bill Gibson. Carried.

The meeting reconvened at 12:10 p.m. REverend Haines announced the winners. Bill Gibson, Juanita Look, Paul Wilson, Peter Dooley, Dorathy Andrew, Jack Cowan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Doris Gray, Fred Feldhousen--Alternates: Penny Felstead, Thea Ruckh and Ceryl Gelason.

Mark Mullins moved we adjourn. Cindy Mullins seconded Reverend Haines concluded the meeting with prayer at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

## FOR THE POLICY BOOKLET

TO: THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FROM: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

In light of A. Russell Stevenson's announcement on September 5, 1984 that he had been called to become Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, La. and of the instructions of the Session on September 5, 1984, the Personnel Committee met on September 10, 1984, with Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Dudley to revise the job description of Associate Pastor.

The Personnel Committee makes the following recommendations for changes in said job description:

TITLE: Associate Pastor

PURPOSE:

To provide with the assistance of the Session and an interim pastor and/or supply until a pastor is elected by the Congregation, a balanced ministry of leadership with emphasis on preaching evangelism, pastoral care and administration.

ACCOUNTABILITY: To The Session

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Work with the following Session committees:  
     Personnel Committee  
     Stewardship Committee  
     Evangelism and Nurture Committee  
     Youth Education
2. Liaison with the Trustees
3. Preach two Sundays per month.
4. Meet with pastoral assistants every other week to organize visitation responsibilities.
5. Visitation
  - (a) general pastoral calling and sharing "first call" responsibilities with pastoral assistants and Session (calling on visitors for first time).
  - (b) Inquirers' Group follow-up.
6. Participate in Bible Study Fellowship by attendance at monthly leadership meetings and assistance in organization.
7. Weekly hospital visits.
8. Attendance at and participation in Budget and Finance Committee meetings.
9. Conduct weekly staff meetings.
10. Counseling as required.
11. Weddings, funerals and baptisms.

RELATIONSHIPS:

Relates to the Session as a member, to the Church as interim head of staff, to the Congregation as Associate Pastor, to the Presbytery as a continuing member

EVALUATION:

An annual review will be conducted by the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee will annually review the adequacy of



With respect to item No. 3 relative to preaching, the Personnel Committee inquired of Mr. Dudley his desires and capabilities of preparing more than two sermons per month. We have determined and recommend, on the basis of his response and an understanding of (1) his training and experience in the pastoral field and (2) the additional responsibilities being placed upon him after Mr. Stevenson departs, that he not be required to preach more than two Sundays per month.

Responsibility for the remaining Sundays would be borne by an interim pastor and/or supply, together with the "Minute Group" (members of the Congregation who have volunteered to conduct worship services on short notice). It is felt by the Personnel Committee that there is sufficient talent within the membership of this Church to provide a meaningful worship service for the Congregation, and that the participation of this leadership in the worship services will encourage the spiritual growth of the entire Congregation. The "Minute Group" should be composed of only volunteers, since assignment to this responsibility, in the Committee's opinion, would be counter-productive.

It will be necessary for the Session under the Book of Order to be moderated by an outside minister assigned to the Church by the Presbytery without our input. It would be hoped that this person would also act as an interim pastor while the Search Committee (to be elected as a Congregational meeting in October 1984) is in the process of securing a replacement for Mr. Stevenson.

NOTE: Under the Book of Order it is not possible for Mr. Dudley to either (1) moderate the Session without the approval of the Presbytery or (2) assume the relationship of pastor of this Congregation. Under the new Book of Order it is specifically provided that an associate pastor cannot immediately replace the pastor. This constitutional requirement cannot be waived by the Presbytery.

The question of an increase in Mr. Dudley's compensation is not being considered at this time but will be considered by your committee after an opportunity to review his performance following Mr. Stevenson's departure.

SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 19, 1984

202 People took Communion on Nov. 4-84

PRESNET: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, Miss Malcom,  
Messrs: Runals, Wilson, Crowell, Moore, Gibson, Goddard, Feldhousen,  
Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Blanche Belin Leslie Phillips

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer ready and with spontaneous prayer.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, the approval of the minutes of October 15th. Carried.

Reverend Dudley introduced George and Barbara Custers. Reverend Dudley moved that George and Barbara Custers be accepted as members and for baptism and that Laura be received for dedication. Larry Moore seconded. Carried. The receiving of the Custers will be Sunday November 25th.

John Goddard moved, Eleeda Malcolm seconded that the Session confirms its actions of August 13th and September 17th designating elder Paul Wilson as their nominee for Commissioner to General Assembly in 1986, and that in response to a more recent request from Presbytery for a qualified elder to be nominated as an alternate commissioner to General Assembly in 1985, the Session so designates elder Roger Crowell. Reverend Haines will notify Presbytery.

Russ Runals joined the meeting at this point. She explained the October Treasurer's report, and the reason why the Connie Henshaw Fund was excluded. Mr. Wilson, moved Mrs. Bianca seconded the approval of the October Treasurers' report. Carried.

A letter from Russ Runals was then circulated regarding the seven goals established for the Church Treasurer. Quote from Mrs. Runals: "While all the above goals have not been fully realized, I believe I have substantially fulfilled my interim role and that the Church needs a Treasurer with talents different from mine. I am therefore requesting that Session appoint a new Treasurer for 1985".

Mrs. Runals noted the difficulty of officially closing the book December 31st and having the completed Annual Report one week prior to the Annual Meeting. One possibility: A September to September fiscal year. She also suggested the treasurer report to Session (not trustees). She mentioned also an incongruity in B-Laws as who would supervise an adult. She suggested also that the Treasurer (not trustees) Choose the offering committee with which the Treasurer will work.

The services of Mrs. Runals as treasurer was gratefully acknowledged by the Session.

Coffee hours: Dec. 2nd - Doris Gray, Dec. 19th - Norma Kullmann and Elleeda Malcolm, December 16th - Paul Wilson and Larry Moore and December 23rd John Goddard and December 30th - Edith Mitchell and Janet Bianca.

A full refund has been received from the Presbyterian Congress on Renewal deposits.

Doug Dudley gave a report as Associate Pastor. Suggestions for supply preachers were requested for vacant Sundays. Volunteers from the Congregation would be gratefully received by the Worship Committee. The current Inquirers' Group may meet with the Session in December. Stewardship Committee report (Edith Mitcheel); \$62,334, in 116 pledges to date. A follow-up letter will be sent shortly to those who have not pledged.



Norma Kullmann reported that the nominating committee is meeting November 18th. John Goddard reported for the Adult Education Committee. The program for 1984-85 was reviewed.

Fred Feldhousen reported for the Evangelism & Nurture Committee. The Bible Study Fellowships are sponsoring a family Church Pot Luck Supper on December 1st. An Inquirers' Class finished last Sunday. Seven candidates from First Church were on the team. A Bible Study Fellowship for young people has yet to start, and volunteers to help are needed.

Ralph Kullmann joined the meeting at this point.

Paul Wilson moved that the \$15,900.15 Deni Mortgage money be placed in a special fund designated for major emergency use. An expenditure from the fund would require approval of both the Session and Trustees. The interest from said fund would be placed monthly in the Building & Maintenance Fund. Roger Crowell seconded. unanimously agreed to vote at this time (after a period). 7 for and 4 against. Motion ~~carried~~.

John Runals moved, Bill Gibson seconded that 5% on the income from the Capital Permanent Fund (known officially as the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Fund Account be reinvested to increase the base and result in higher future income to the church. Carried.

Reverend Dudley moved that we received Proposal III. Bill Gibson seconded. Carried. Proposal III: The income from the Capital Permanent Fund for the Youth Program (line 322) be placed under direct Session control. Further, that a fromal plan for use of Fund be developed. Doris Gray noted that a Search Committee Meeting be November 28th.

Reverend Dudley, for the Manse Committee, asked Ralph Kullmann to convene the Committee to elect a chairman from the Congregation.

Bill Gibson reported for the All Boards Retreat Committee. All is "go" for the weekend: Unity & Renewal is the theme. Dates Feb. 1-2 (date change from previous announcement). Bernie Johnson from Fanwood, New Jersey is the speaker.

Roger Crowell reported for the Presbytery. Next Meeting Tuesday November 27th at 4 p.m., at the Deerhurst Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda.

Next Meeting will be Monday December 10th upon a motion by Mr. Runals, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Adjournment 10:53 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

*John Goddard*

SESSION MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 10th, 1984

On December 9th 198 received communion.

PRESENT: Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Fox, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, MESSRS: Crowell, Wilson, Goddard, Runals, McMahon, VanValkinburgh, Gibson, Moore, Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Mr. Feldhousen, Miss Phillips

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. by Roger Crowell and Paul Wilson, reading a passage from I Peter 3.

The Session and new members introduced themselves to each other.

Doris Gray moved, John Runals seconded that the following be received into membership at the worship service of December 16th.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Alicia D'Antuono

Mr. & Mrs. Gene DiGregorio (Barbara)

Dorothy MacKay

Ruth Elaine Mort

Carl Vincent Parnella

Robert Wozniak

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor (Julia A.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH & ADULT BAPTISM

Mrs. Robert Wozniak (Laurie)

Carried.

Norma Kullmann moved, Edward VanValkinburgh seconded that baptism of Eugene DiGregorio, Laurie Wozniak and Robyn Mort to take place also in the December 16th worship service. Carried.

Reverend Dudley closed this portion of the meeting with a prayer, and the new members left the meeting at this point.

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were reviewed. Reverend Dudley, the mover of the motion to receive the Trustee's proposal III regarding the Youth Program Fund (Line 322), stated that the intent of his motion was to receive this motion for study, not to adopt proposal III.

Helen Fox noted she was "excused for the November 19th meeting.

Eleeda Malcolm moved, Helen Fox seconded, the approval of November 19th meeting as amended. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the November 30th, 1984 treasurer's report. Carried.

The affirmative action/ equal employment form regarding the PNC and Senior Pastor search was filled out and signed by the clerk, moderator, and PNC chairman.



The Evangelism & Nurture Committee has volunteered to handle next month's Session Meeting devotions.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that we pay the Beacon Book Store bill (\$255) for the 25 New Testament and the 25 "Taste of New Wine" books. Carried. Mr. Wilson, for Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee, reported that most people are very receptive to the name tags on Guest Sundays.

Mrs. Kullmann reported that the nominating committee is 99% finished with board nominations for the Annual Meeting. A letter informing incoming board members about the January 9th orientation meeting and Boards Retreat in February will be sent out before Christmas.

Mrs. Mitchell reported for the Stewardship Committee. Paul Wilson, Roger Crowell, and Blanche Belin volunteered to help Mrs. Mitchell evaluate the list of non-pledges for possible follow-up visitation. A bulletin article requesting outstanding pledge cards will be forthcoming.

A brief prayer break was taken at this time.

Dave McMahon reported for the Youth Education Committee. He feels the income for the Youth Program (Line #322) remain under Youth Education Committee control as proposed (Trustees Proposal III - November 19th Session minutes).

Mr. VanValkinburgh moved, Mr. Wilson seconded that the Youth Education Committee came up with a proposal for use of the Youth Program Fund money for 1985. Carried.

Norma Kullmann and Pastor Dudley reported that the sermon slots are filled for Jan. & Dec.

Mr. Runals asked for authorization that Mr. Haines be reimbursed for toll calls or any other calls or any other misc. expenses from line #700; authorization from personnel committee chairman. Mrs. Bianca moved, Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried.

Roger Crowell reported on events occurring at the November 27th Presbytery meeting. January 22nd is the next meeting.

Mr. Kullmann and Mrs. Runals joined the meeting at this point. Mrs. Runals explained the mechanism of the Connie Henshaw fund. Mr. Igou, Mrs. Henshaw's father, requested that nothing be done with the fund until it becomes clearer what Mrs. Henshaw's health condition is. A committee of three (3) was recommended to handle the disposition of the fund. Volunteers: Reverend Dudley (as consultant), Eleeda Malcolm, Janet Bianca, Norma Kullmann. Mr. Gibson moved that the above 4 be elected to form a committee to manage the Connie Henshaw fund in consultation with the family and that the treasurer release to the Committee the names of donors and amounts. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved the Treasurer be authorized to release monies from the Connie Henshaw fund to the committee upon approval by Reverend Dudley. Mrs. Belin seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that on Monday January 7th we will have a Joint Boards meeting to discuss Capital Budget requests. Carried.

Mr. Gibson reported the Boards Retreat will be February 1-2 at the Beacon Motor Inn; Bernie Johnson will be retreat leader, theme "Unity & Renewal."

John Runals announced that Peter Dooley is chairman of Manse Committee.

John Goddard, Russ Runals, Reverend Dudley, and Blanche Belin will be a committee of 4 to select a treasurer, upon motion by Mrs. Bianca, seconded by Doris Gray. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved that a special Session meeting be held on December 16th in the library after Sunday School to play to hear report of the Mission Committee regarding aid to Ethiopia and to act upon their recommendation. Mr. Moore seconded. Carried. Doris Gray moved we adjourn. Edith Mitchell seconded. Carried. Time 10:45 pm. Reverend Haines closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 1985

On Jan 6, 1985 289 people took communion

PRESENT: Mr. Gibson, Mr. Crowell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Goddard, Mrs. Malcolm, Miss Phillips, Mr. VanValkinburgh, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Feldhousen, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Moore, Reverend Dudley, (Moderator)

Mrs. Bianca reported for the Mission Committee. On December 30th, a mission drive for Ethiopia Famine victims will be held. Money goes to Presbyterian Mission Treasury in New York.

A Minute for Mission will be given on Sunday December 30th also. Mr Wilson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried

Mr. McMahon moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that we adjourn. Carried. Time 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SPECIAL JOINT TRUSTEES-SESSION MEETING JANUARY 7, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Runals, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Mitchell, MESSRS: Hodgins, Devitt, Moore, Gibson, Goddard Dashineau, Feldhousen, Lucas, Kullmann, Runals, Patch, Wilson, McMahon Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Mr. VanValkinburgh, Miss Malcolm, Miss Fox

Howard Haines opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Hodgins explained the purpose of the meeting, namely to discuss capital budget requests.



Mr. Dashineau explained the problems and needed repairs with the organ (estimated \$5,000 - \$8,000).

Mr. Kullmann, explained the need for a new copier (Estimated cost \$3,000 - \$6,000).

Mr. Dashineau then explained the need to determine the extent of water damage to the north wall and ceiling of the choir room Estimated cost \$5,000 - \$10,000.

Sheets were passed out regarding the projects and the special funds.

Mrs. Gray moved that an Annual Capital Expenditure plan be established coincident with the operating budget preparation. All items in any Capital Expenditure Plan must be individually approved at a later day by the Session. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Belin moved that the Capital Expenditure Plan should be presented annually to the Session by the Budget & Finance Committee. Mr. McMahon seconded. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved that the 1985 Capital Expenditure Plan of the Trustees consisting of (a) North Choir Wall Restoration (b) Office Copier (c) Organ Repairs be approved and that the Trustees be requested to obtain bids to submit to the Session at a later date for individual approval and decision on funding. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Runals then described the need for an outside annual audit. This is required by the Book of Order.

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Runals seconded that we adopt a policy of an Annual professional outside audit review and that the Annual audit be funded as a budget item. Carried.

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that the maximum 1985 audit expenditure be \$2,000. Carried.

The Trustees left the meeting at this point. Two sheets were passed out regarding proposed By-laws changes regarding (1) Annual meeting date and (2) Treasurer's task description.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer. Time 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

JOINT BOARDS MEETING JANUARY 14, 1985

PRESENT : Mrs. Runals, Miss Fox, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. bianca, Mrs. Gray  
Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Hackenheimer, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Malcolm, Mrs.  
Tutt, MESSRS: Wilson Crowell, Patch, Runals, Lucas, Gibson, Kullmann,  
Devitt, Dashineau, Feldhousen, Igou, Moore, Goddard, Hodgins, Reverend  
Dudley, and Reverend Haines (Moderator)


The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with a reading from Matthew by Fred Feldhousen. Blanche Belin read an excerpt on pr ayer. Fred Feldhousen closed the devotions period with prayer.

Mr. Gibson moved the adoption of the Proposed Operating Budget for 1985. Mr. Kullmann seconded. Carried.

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the changes in the By-laws as discussed according to the handout. Carried.

Mr. Lucas moved we adjourn. Mrs. Look seconded. Carried. Reverend Haines closed in prayer. Time 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

ANNUTAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 1985

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Reverend Howard Haines as moderator; a quorum was present.

The meeting opened with a reading from James by Reverend Douglas Dudley, and by prayer, at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Runals moved, Mrs. Gleason seconded, that the reading of the Clerks report be dispensed with. Carried.

Mrs. Gleason, for the nominating Committee, placed in nomination for Session the following: Keith Spillenaar, Dennis Gleason, Juanita Look, Sheila Rader, Peggy Geist, Janet Bianca, Neil Bellemore (1-year term)

Jack Scott moved, Paul Wilson seconded, the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

Martin Hodgins then conducted the corporate meeting. He outlined the accomplishments of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Runals then went over the Treasurer's report for 1984, and explained the source of the surplus. She also described the new endowment fund additions.

Mrs. Gleason, for the nominating committee placed the following in nomination for Trustees: Helen Glover, Russell Look, Kenneth Ranchil, George Petts



Dorothy Ciesielksi moved, Bill Gibson seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

Jack Scott, for the congregation, expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Runals efforts as Treasurer over the past two (2) years.

Martin Hodgins then presented the 1985 budget to the congregation. Bill Gibson moved, Paul Wilson seconded, the adoption of the 1985 budget as proposed (\$171,511).

Jack Cowan then reported as moderator of Board of Deacons on their activities in 1984.

Cheryl Gleason, for the nominating committee placed in nominations the following for Deacons: Clothilde Dooley, Peter & Thea Ruckh, Jane Spillenaar, Ellen Anderson (2 year term)

Jack Scott moved, John Runals seconded that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

Pastor Dudley gave his report for 1984 as Associate Pastor.

John Runals then explained the proposed By-Law changes(except sections 8 & 11(re-garding last Sunday in February Congregational meeting) as amended below be approved. Carried.

MRs. Runals moved, Mr. Robertson seconded, that a special meeting of the congregation and of the corporation shall be held each year in February on a date to be established by the Session, instead of on the fourth Sunday as stated in sections 8 a and 11.2a of the porposed By-Law handouts. Carried. Both of the above motions were carried by more than 2/4 of the Congregation.

Nominations from Congregation for nomination committee were taken:

Bill Gibson nominated Ruth Gibson  
Jack Scott nominated Peter Dooley  
Paul Wilson nominated Blanche Belin  
Kate Myers nominated Bonnie Bouch  
Sheila Rader nominated Beverly Feldhousen

Mrs. Gleason moved, Mr. Scott seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

Mr. Robttertson moved, Mrs. Gibson seconded, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, MRs. Gibson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Reverend Douglas Dudley closed in prayer at 12:25 p.m. Attendance at Annual meeting was 82.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY, 18, 1985

202 people took Communion on February 3

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Miss Malcolm, Miss Geist, MESSRS: Wilson, Gibson, Spillenaar, Bellemore, McMahon Crowell, Feldhousen, Goddard, Reverend Dudley and Reverend Haines

EXCUSED: Mr. Gleason, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Runals

The meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. with the Annual Communion service.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

The Book of Order was passed out to those who do not have one.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Wilson seconded the approval of the minutes for the Joint Boards meeting Jan. 7th and 14th and the Session minutes of January 14th. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, that the minutes of the Jan. 27th Congregational meeting be approved. Carried.

The Clerk described a report for General Assembly regarding (1) Sanctuary workers. (El Salvador & Guatemala) and (2) S. African Apartheid. This was passed around.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:

March 3-Keith Spillenaar

MARCH 10th - Paul Wilson

MARCH 17th - David McMahon

MARCH 24th - Norma Kullmann

March 31 Juanita Look

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded the approval of the January Treasurer's reports. Carried.

Minutes of the Trustees Meeting, February 11th, were passed out.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, the approval of the baptism of Telisha, Damion, Pamela, Aquicha Powell. Carried.

Janet Bianca for the Mission Committee reported that \$1055 had been raised and sent in for Ethiopia famine victims.

Bill Gibson for the PNC (Search Committee) reported that the Church Staff Information Form has been prepared (18 pages). It requires Session approval before submission to the computer. This will enable the committee to receive dossiers of pastoral candidates.

John Goddard moved, Paul Wilson seconded, the approval of the Church Staff Information Form as prepared. Carried.

Mr. Gibson, for the retreat committee, reported that \$1,628.56 is owed to the Beacon Motor Inn. The money will come from the Special Gift Fund.

Mr. Goddard noted that Treasurer Selection Committee met January 28th and selected three (3) new candidates for Treasurer. All three said no. The committee will meet again.



Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Gray seconded that Mr. Goddard be elected Clerk of Session for 1985. Carried.

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded, that Mrs. Runals be elected as acting Treasurer. Carried.

Mr. Feldhausen moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that Mr. Crowell be elected Presbytery Representative, and Mr. Wilson be elected as alternate. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded that Russell Look and Paul Wilson be elected representative to Niagara Council of Churches. Carried.

The Committee structure and leadership was described by Reverend Dudley. The Church Society Committee has been absorbed by the Mission Committee. The Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee has been dissolved because the work overlapped with that of the Pastoral Assistants.

For the Congregational Nominating Committee, Jaent Bianca nominated Neil Bellemore; Sheila Rader nominated David McMahon. Mr. Bellemore agreed to be chairman. Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that the above be elected. Carried.

Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann agreed to serve on the Connie Henshaw Fund for 1985.

Janet Bianca, Norma Kullmann, and Doris Gray agreed to serve as the Session Phoning Committee for 1985.

Reverend Haines described in circular format how the message of God in Christ reaches out to others (according to the teachings of Bernard Johnson). This is also an effective mode of operation of the newly formed Committees.

Bill Gibson suggested that we include the Boards Retreat Theme "Unity & Renewal" on the agenda for the next Session Meeting.

Bill Gibson volunteered to coordinate devotions for the Session meetings. The moderator ~~xxxx~~ appointed Mr. Gibson for this task.

The meeting was adjourned with sentence prayer, and with the Lord's Prayer, at 10:02 pm by motion of Paul Wilson. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MONDAY MARCH 18, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Rader, Miss Geist, Mrs. LOOK; MESSRS: Spillenaar, Runals, Wilson, Gibson, Bellemore, Crowell, Feldhousen, Goddard, Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Miss Malcolm, Mr. Gibson, Mr. McMahon

The meeting commenced at 7:35 with a study of the meaning and purpose of "Devotions", by Keith Spillenaar and Bill Gibson. The devotional period was closed with sentence prayer.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the February Session Meeting minutes. Carried.

John Goddard moved, John Runals seconded, that Paul Wilson be appointed as a full delegate to Presbytery. Carried. Roger crowell remains as full delegate also.

Coffee Hour for April 7th - Edith Mitchell -April 14th - No volunteer as yet April 21st Fred Feldhousen, April 28th, Keith Spillenaar, Bill Gibson

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded, that Mr. & Mrs. J. Leslie Ellis be restored to active membership and transferred at their request to First Presbyterian Church, Lewiston. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Ginson seconded that Bill Patch be transferred as requested to Cradock Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mrs. Gray seconded, the approval of the February 1985 Treasurer's Reports. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRUSTEES & DEACONS:

Reverend Dudley reported that new light will be installed above the pit; the Church will be cleaned prior to East; Two fire drills will be held in 1985 during the Sunday School hour. The deacons are expanding their shut-in ministry and exploring the possibility of a tape ministry.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the infant baptism of Andrew Croisdale, Carried. The baptism of Andrew and the Powell children on March 24th.

Mr. Wilson moved that Roxanne Powell be reinstated to active membership, Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried.

It was generally felt that returning members (from inactive roles) be encouraged but not required, to attend an Inquirers' Group.

Reverend Dudley reported that there should be a planning period set aside for the year's goals and dates for the committees. The product of the meeting would be a Church's Calendar for events through 1985. The suggested date was Saturday morning, April 20th.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Goddard reported for Adult Education. The Gospel of Mark will be taught by Mrs. Runals, beginning April 14th.

Mrs. Bianca for the Mission Committee, reported that \$1,708.81 was collected for Ethiopia famine victims and sent in. The PUMA delegate is Leslie Phillips. Alternates are Peggy Patch and Dorathy Andrew. The 1985 PUMA conference will be October 18-20. A contata will be held on Octover 13th to kick off the PUMA conference.

Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Gibson seconded that we have a faith goal to raise \$1,000 in 1985 by envelope driveand by dinners or bake sale to help Mark & Cindy Mullins in Japan. Carried.

Mrs. Gray for thePNC reported that 25 dossiers for Pastoral position had been received and will be reviewed on March 12th.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that the Stewardship Commitee is in the process of scheduling.

Miss Geist for Youth Education reported that Fred Proctor and Page's Whistle Pig will work with Sunday School grades 5-12 for a Gestival of Lights display. The camping program and spending schedule for Youth Education Fund are being worked on. Ideas for people or couples to sit with the Special Class Sunday mornings are sought. Mrs. Kullmann reported that the Psalm Sunday Palms and Easter Lilies are being arranged for.

Mr. Goddard reported that the Treasurer Selection Committee met February 21 and selected 4 new candidates for Treasurer. All 4 said No. Mr. Goddard felt that he could no longer serve on the committee. John Runals agreed to serve if no other session volunteers were forthcoming.

Roger Crowell reported for the Presbytery. John Runals summarized the findings of the Permanent Judicial Commission of General Assembly regarding Westminster Church's More Light position. March 14th, the General Counsel met and decided to study the decision.

As Committee of Counsel, John Runals and Doug Dudley are to be continued in service, on motion of Mrs. Gray, Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried.

A brief break in the meeting was taken at this point. followed by prayer by Reverend Haines, and a discussion on the theme "Unity and Renewal" by Fred Feldhousen.

The annual meeting of the Congregation will be November 3. The next session meeting will be April 15th, initially a Joint Meeting with the Deacons.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded. The meeting was closed with sentence prayers at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING APRIL 15, 1985

On April 14th Maunday Thursday 71 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Geist, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Look: MESSRS: Feldhousen, Runals, McMahon, Crowell, Spillenaar, Wilson, Goddard, Gibson, Reverend Dudley and Reverend Haines (Moderator)

Reverend Haines called the meeting ro order at 8:15 p.m. following the Joint Session-Deacons meeting.

Mr. Runals moved the approval of the Session minutes of March 18th. Mr. Feldhousen seconded. Carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Reverend Dudley reported for the Trustees that there are now two first-aid kits (Kitchen and office) and a Wheel Chair)office) available. A report from the Trustees regarding progress on all Capital porjects will be requested by the May Session meeting via the Clerk, upon the motion of Mr. Spillenaar, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Reverend Dudley reminded the Committee chairmen of the Planning Meeting on April 20th 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Mr. Gibson will head up the 1986 Boards Retreat planning. Microphones have been re-adjusted, and the clip-on microphone has apparently worked well.

COMMITTEE RREPORTS

Miss Malcolm reported that the line item 930 should be increased by \$195 to cover increased cost of the Golden Age bus. Mr. Runals recommended that the matter be referred back to the Worship committee to establish from which fund the extra \$195 is to come, and report back at the May meeting.

Mr. Feldhousen reported for the Evangelism & Nurture Committee. A Unity & Renewal evening is planned for Sunday evening, May 19th, at 7p.m. Mr. Feldhousen moved the approval of this even; Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried Kairos prison ministry would like to hold a National Steering Committee meeting on August 8-10 in our Church. Mr. Feldhousen will explore this trthrough proper channeshl.

Mr. Runals for Personnel Committee moved that the contract between First Church and Howard Haines be dissolved effective June 15th, 1985. The Clerk is to communicate this to Committee on Ministry. This does not effect Mr. Haines acting as moderator, or his receiving an honorarium for preaching. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

John Runals moved that Nancy Schulz be considered a full time employee, entitled to three (3) week vacation. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried. Vacation replacement may be needed.

David McMahon reported that 32 Junior and Senior Highs attended the successful retreat at Camp Duffied. The Youth Education Committee felt that they should not be responsible for the Church Picnic, if there is to be one.



Mr. McMahon will insert an article into the Church Bulletin stating that a picnic will not be planned for 1985. Mr. McMahon moved that a camping appeal be made to the Congregation in May to cover scholarships for summer camp, funds to be placed in Youth Program interest Fund (#322). Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca reported for the Mission Committee. The Church & Society Committee responsibilities regarding social issues are not being absorbed by the Mission Committee. The Mission Board in Atlanta supports the Mullins 100%. They are not paid by the College in Japan. Lenten Luncheon Bake Sales collected fund be set up to collect funds for this faith goal, and that the Mission Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorized to spend it. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. The movie "A Place Child" is planned for showing on Friday, May 31. Leslie Phillips is undergoing training for the Mission field this Summer. June 7-9, Carl Templin will come from Pittsburgh with Five (5) International Students. Homes are added.

Mrs. Look reported for PNC. A face-to-face interview session will be held on May 4th in New Jersey for Pastoral Candidates.

#### PRESBYTERY REPORT

Mr. Crowell reported that the next meeting will be in Depew in April, including Baptists, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ. Keynote speech is "People of the Book." Reports will include that from the Committee of Five (More Light Issue)

A brief prayer break was taken at this point.

Mr. Gibson moved that the Session assign the task to the Trustees of recommending rules for use of the Church facilities by groups or individuals (members/non-members), and to make said recommendation to the Session by the June Session meeting for Session approval. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried. The Clerk will inform the Trustees of this motion.

Mr. Crowell, moved we adjourned. Mr. Wilson seconded. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer. Time 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### JOINT SESSION AND DEACONS MEETING APRIL 15, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, MRs. Spillenaar, Miss Geist, MRs. Anderson, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, MRs. Bobst, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Ciesielski  
MESSRS: Wilson, Runals, Feldhousen, McMahon, Crowell, Gibson, Spillenaar, Goddard, Andrew, Reverend Haines and Reverend Dudley

Reverend Haines opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Spillenaar read portions from Psalms 31 & 72. Miss Geist read the poem, "Footprints in the Sand", followed by reflective prayer.

Mrs. Peggy Pach, Moderator of the Deacons, read the passage in Acts which established the Deacons, and outlined the ministry of carrying. Currently 39 shut-ins are regularly visited.

Mr. Goddard will lead the Deacons in prayer.

Mr. Goddard outlined the session Committee Structure, the April 20th Planning Meeting, and the two Annual Congregational meetings. Mr. Gibson also discussed the planned follow-up on the theme "Unity & Renewal" presented at the Boards Retreat in February.

The Joint meeting was concluded at 8:10 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Feldhouse.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MAY 20th 1985

on May 5 189 people took Communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Look, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Runals (Treasurer & Trustee) MESSRS: Bellemore, Gibson, Goddard, Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED: MR. Gleason, Mr. Crowell, Miss Geist

ABSENT: Mrs. Mitchell

The members were indtroduced

Mr. Feldhouse moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded, the approval of the following into membershi: Carried

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Paula O'Brien   | Reaffirmation of Faith |
| Albert Parker   | "                      |
| Michelle Parker | "                      |
| Lynda Girodano  | "                      |
| Vince Crossley  | "                      |

The new members will be received in membership on Sunday June 2, 1985

#### DEACONS REPORT

A deacon is to meet with the Session at each meeting for the first 30 minutes. Mr. Ruckh gave the report: 39 shut-ins were visited. Taping of the sermons for the shut-ins is being planned. Visiting the bereaved is planned. Recognition of the oldest members will be made. The effectiveness of the shut-in ministry is being reviewed

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

The May 13th Trustees minutes were available. Questions regarding the capital projects were answered therein.

#### TREASURER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Miss Malcolm moved, Mrs. Gray seconded, that Helen Fox be approved as temporary Treasurer for 90 days beginning August 1, 1985. Mrs. Runals is to be acting as advisor during the interim. Carried



TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer will meet with the Session at its meetings throughout the summer. The reports were available for discussion. Mr. Wilson moved the approval of the April Treasurer's Reports. Mr. McMahon seconded. Carried.

INTERIM SUPPLY REPORT

Reverend Haines noted that he will no longer be Interim Supply effective June 15th. He will remain as moderator of Session and as occasional preacher, and as informal consultant to Reverend Dudley.

APRIL 15th MINUTES

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, the approval of the Joint April 15th Deacons-Session meeting minutes, and the Session minutes of the date. Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Letters were sent to David McMarlane (Committee on Ministry) and to Mr. Hodgins (Trustees) in response to the will of the Session on April 15th.

COFFEE HOUR: June 2nd-no coffee hour

June 9th - Doris Gray

June 23-Sheila Rader

June 30-John goddard

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded the approval of the baptism of: Casey Wright and David Woodley, Jr. Carried.

Reverend Dudley recommended that the Annual Meeting be held November 1, 1985 (Friday night) in conjunction with the Stewardship Dinner. Mrs. Bianca moved the above, Mr. Spillenaar seconded. Carried.

The Calendar planning meeting on April 20th went smoothly. The Calendar is in the Chapel Lounge. Changes must be directed through the Church Secretary.

Reverend Dudley noted that our Church has no cross on the outside of the building. This has been referred to the Worship Committee. Fred Proctor has volunteered to construct a wooden cross upon Session approval. The matter will be health with further at the June Session meeting after some plans for crosses are forthcoming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kullmann reported for the Worship Committee. Mrs. Kullmann moved that \$195 be transferred to line #930 (Adult bus) from the contingency fund for the early call of a senior pastor & MR. Bellemore, seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca reported for the Mission Committee. A letter was received by the Mullins. A Minute for Mission will be given to the congregation by Mr. McMahon. The Mullins seek prayer for learning the Japanese language.

In September, a Japanese dinner is planned, in commemoration of the Mullins support. Carl Templin is coming June 7-9 from Pittsburgh with five International Christian students. All are invited to the Pot Luck Supper 6-6 Saturday June 8th in honor of these students.

Friday May 31, 7:00 p.m. will be a Night at the Movies ("The Peace Child"). It will be also a time of prayer and fellowship.

The New Wilmington Missionary Conference will be July 26-Aug. 3 (cost \$80.00)

Mr. McMahon reported for the Youth Education Committee. Only 12 children have signed up for camp so far. May 26th is the last day to sign up.

A Sunday School picnic will be held in September, the first day of Sunday school.

Mr. McMahon moved that presentatives from the 3 boards be picked to form a committee to decide if an All-Church Picnic should be held this summer. (Mr. McMahon volunteered to be the Session representative and to contact the Deacons and Trustees). Mrs. Kullmann seconded. Carried.

Youth Sunday is June 16th. The theme will be "Fathers".

Mr. Goddard reported for the Adult Education Committee. The Adult Education planning meeting for 1985-86 will be June 4th. On May 22nd a brainstorming session for all edycatuib (Youth & adult) will be held at the church.

Mr. Feldhousen reported for the Evangelism & Nurture Committee. The "Unity & Renewal" night on May 19th was attended by 50-55 people, and was an exciting time of fellowship for all who attended. The week-night Inquirers' group culminated in the reception of new members tonight.

Re-instating a monthly Church Newsletter was discussed, but the idea was tabled by the Committee due to lack of volunteers

John Runals reported for the Manse Committee. No meeting has been called as yet, although a recommendation from the Pastoral Search Committee has been made.

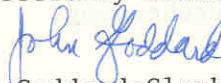
#### PRESBYTERY REPORT

A report was distributed. The Elders, Deacons, and Trustees Committee will be conducting church officer workshops Octover 19th and November 2nd. Next meeting May 28th. A sheet was passed around about Presbytery Committees - nominees are possible from our church.

The next Session meeting will be June 17th.

The meeting was adjourned with sentence prayers, and upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Feldhouse. Time 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING JUNE 17, 1985

On June 2 186 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Malcolm, Miss Geist, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gray MESSRS: Runals, Crowell, Gleason, Gibson Goddard, Feldhousen, Reverend Dudley (Moderator) was Rev. Haines

GUESTS: Mr. Proctor, Mr. Hodgins (Trustees)

EXCUSED: Mr. Spillenaar, Mr. Bellemore, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Wilson

Dennis Gleason opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with a study on prayer.

Reverend Haines has appointed Reverend Dudley to act as Session Moderator in Reverend Haines absence.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Mr. Hodgins reported for the Trustees

Firm pricing has not been obtained yet for copiers. A more detailed study will be available for the July Session meeting. A third bid on organ repairs will be obtained through the American guild of Organists. A proposal from Hibbard Engineers was read regarding their bid of \$1400 to study the reconstruction and restoration of the roof and north wall. Of this, \$500 was budgeted. John Goddard moved that we take \$900 from line 1600 and apply it to the \$1400 cost of the detailed reconstruction restoration study by Hibbard Engineering. Mr. Runals seconded. Carried. Also received for study were a single sheet "Regulations Governing the Use of Premises", and a related "Policy Statement." Moved by Mr. Crowell, seconded by Mrs. Kullmann. Carried.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Kullmann reported on the construction of a cross for the front of the Church. Mr. Proctor explained two (2) cost estimates, one for mounting the Cross on the Church (\$1987.43), the other for putting a cross in the park (\$800). Because of cost, structural instability, and visibility, the first option was considered inferior. The Session adjourned temporarily to the Park and front of the Church to examine options. Mr. Crowell moved that we install a cross in front of the church (locations to be decided.) Mr. Goddard seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, 8 opposed. Motion is lost. The Session express its thanks to Mr. Petts and Mr. Proctor for their efforts.

UNITY & RENEWAL

Reverend Haines reemphasized the Boards Retreat Theme of "Unity & Renewal." The question was raised, "What should your pastor do if he had an extra 10 hours/week that approx. 10 suggestions were forthcoming.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gray moved, Mr. Runals seconded, the approval of the May Treasurer's Report. Carried.

SESSION MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 20th Session meeting were approved (with minor corrections) on a motion by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mr. Runals. Carried.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORTTRANSFERS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ellwood to Covenant Presbyterian Church Birmingham, Ala.  
 Ralph & Barbara Robertson - 1st Pres. in Lewiston  
 Philip Carrington to Good Shepherd Pres., Lilburn, Ga.  
 Jane Petts to 1st Pres. Church. Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
 To inactive roll: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McGee and Harry Wingert

Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the Transfer of the above members. Carried.

The following were approved for Baptism, motion by Mrs. Rader, Seconded by Mr. Gibson  
Christopher and Steven Thompson  
Adam Moore

Fred Feldhausen moved that a Membership Committee, (a committee of session) be established with the responsibility to follow Church membership throughout the year. Mrs. Rader, seconded. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communion volunteers were accepted by Mrs. Kullmann.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE Reported a very successful weekend with Carl Templin and international students. New Wilmington Conference - July 26th-Aug. 3 Japanese Dinner Sept. 14th (Mullins fund raiser).

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will meet monthly during the summer. A newsletter will be reviewed with Eleeda Malcolm as editor. A Bible Study Fellowship picnic is planned Sunday, Aug. 18th at Openheim Park

YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE - First group of campers leave Sunday June 23, the second group on June 30th.

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE met on June 4th. The course schedule has been established

PRESBYTERY REPORT Roger Crowell noted that the "More Light" report of Presbytery was accepted June 3 with unanimity.

John Runals noted the "More Light Committee should now be dissolved or remain and file a complaint regarding lack of action by Presbytery.

Mr. Goddard moved we disband the "More Light" Committee consisting of Reverend Dudley and Mr. John Runals. Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried. Appreciation is expressed to John Runals and Reverend Dudley, and others for their great efforts on this matter.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Reports of noise in the fellowship hall during the Worship service have surfaced. Mr. Crowell moved that the head usher of the usher team in charge come back to the Fellowship Hall to clear out the area. Mrs. Kullmann seconded. Carried. Mrs. Kullmann will act on this motion as Worship Committee Chairman.

The Session expresses its thanks to Howard Haines as moderator, and wishes him and Grace well on their trip to the British Isles.

The Nominating Committee will meet June 23 after the worship service.  
The Next Session meeting July 15th.

Mr. Goddard moved we adjourn. Mr. Runals seconded. Carried. Reverend Haines closed with meditation, and with prayer. Time 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session



SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 1985

PRESENT: Miss Geist, Mrs. Look, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Gray  
Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, MESSRS: Gibson, Gleason, Crowell, Spillenaar,  
Goddard, Bellemore, Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

GUEST: Dorthay Andrew

Reverend Dudley called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Dorathy Andrew reviewed the hostage situation in Lebanon and requested permission for a 24-hour Prayer Vigil. Dorathy Andrew will be the coordinator.

Mr. Gleason moved that the Session support the 24-hour Prayer Vigil, with organization responsibility lying with Mrs. Andrew. Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved we adjourn. Mrs. Rader seconded. Carried. Time 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING JULY 15, 1985

On July 7th 103 people took communion.

PRESENT Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Geist, Mrs. Kullmann, MESSRS: Spillenaar, Crowell, Feldhousen, Gleason, Gibson, Wilson, Goddard, Kullmann (Trustees), Proctor (Deacons), Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Rader, Miss Malcolm, Mr. Runals, Mr. Bellemore

ABSENT: Mr. McMahon

The meeting was opened at 7:33 p.m. with prayer, and with a reading from James on patience and prayer by Bill Gibson.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Mr. Kullmann noted that estimates regarding the organ repairs are not yet available. An engineering firm is working on the estimate for North Wall Choir Room repairs. That should be available 7/29/85.

Mr. Kullmann reported on the desirable qualities for an office copier. Six brands and 19 models were evaluated. The trustees recommend we secure a \$1500-\$35000 copier without complete replacement of the existing mimeograph. The new copier should have reduction/enlargement capabilities. Line 1600 was the recommended source of the funds. Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, that the Trustees recommendation to secure a plain paper copier be accepted. Carried.

Proposed that a plain paper copier with the discussed features noted in July 15th, 1985 minutes representation to the Session be secure for the office. Cost not exceed \$3,500 and to be charged against line item \$1600 (Contingency for Early Calling of a Senior Pastor).

A brief prayer break was taken at this point.

Regulations governing the use of Premises, along with the accompanying Policy Statement

passed by the Trustees on June 10, 1985, were discussed.

Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the "Regulations Governing the Use of Premises" and "Policy Statement" resubmitted to the Trustees for revision of items 4 and 6 of "Regulations" (to reflect "outside groups" or "unofficial meeting"). Carried.

#### DEACONS

Mr. Proctor reported that \$300 from the Deacons Fund be used for 9 tape records and 1 magnetic tape eraser, and 20 tapes and boxes. These would be used for recording and mailing sermon tapes to shut-ins. Recorder would be delivered by the Deacons.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that the June Treasurers Report. Carried.

#### SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the June 17th & 23rd Session minutes. Carried.

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, the approval of the baptism of Miranda Montagna, daughter of Timothy and Nina Montagna on July 21, 1985. Carried.

Information for August newsletter "First Pres" should be in by July 19th. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing the copies. Please see Eleeda Malcolm.

New officers will be elected in November. Suggestions should go to Mr. Bellemore. Nominating Committee Chairman.

#### UNITY & RENEWAL

Peggy Geist repeated the Boards Retreat theme "Unity & Renewal" the music program of the Church, especially as it involves the Children. To emphasize this theme, the Session sang "We are all joined in Christ" with guitar accompaniment.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that at each session meeting a time be set aside for inspiration song, to be lead by Miss Geist and Mr. Wilson. Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Feldhousen) Picnic 1pm to dark on August 18th at Oppenheim Park. Koinonia Sing-Along July 26th at 7:30 p.m. New member pictures will be posted on bulletin board for a time.

MISSION (Janet Bianca) - a letter was received for Leslie Phillips in France. The letter will be posted. The prayer vigil had 30 official sign-ins, but probably more came.

ADULT EDUCATION (John Goddard) A questionnaire will be sent out to the Congregation asking opinions regarding the Youth and Adult Education programs.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE (Pul Wilson) - Interviews are being conducted .

STEWARDSHIP (Elizabeth Mitchell) - A special song will be selected for the service to sung several Sundays prior to the Stewardship Campaign.

WORSHIP (Norma Kullmann) - Communion volunteers are requested for August.



PRESSBYTERY REPORT - Roger Crowell has consented to chair the new Membership Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS - Roger crowell has consented to chair the new Membership Committee.  
Primary Duty: Locate and gather back the approx. 125 members on the rolls who do not come to Church. Committee volunteers are requested.

Yellow ribbons in memory of the seven (7) hostages in Lebannon will reappear in the Church. Our church will be listed in the Niagara Gazette's yearly Church supplement.

NEXT MEETING August 19th

Mr. Goddard moved we adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with prayer at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING JULY 21, 1985

PRESENT: Miss Malcolm, Miss Geist, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, MESSRS: Feldhousen, Goddard, Gibson, Spillenaar, McMahon, Gleason, Wilson, Crowell and Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

The meeting opened at 11:12 a.m. Reverend Dudley reported that he and John Runals, as Church Counsel, will attend a City Hearing Monday night at 8 p.m. regarding the planned construction around our Church which may involved elimination of the access to the rear of the Church. Others are welcome to attend.

Mr. Feldhousen moved we adjourn. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried. Time 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Look, Miss Malcolm, Miss Geist, Mrs. Kullmann, MESSRS: Gibson, Goddard, Wilson, Geldhousen, McMahon, Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

Reverend Dudley called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. Doris Gray noted that we needed funds to pay for plane tickets for the O'Connell to visit the Congregation on September 8th, 1985

Paul Wilson made a motion to take \$890 from line 1600 to pay Niagara Frontier Travel Inc. for Airline Tickets to bring Reverend and Mrs. Dale O'Connell on September 5th to meet and preach to the Congregation on September 8th and returning September 9th Bill Gibson seconded. Carried.

Norman Kullmann moved we adjourn. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried. Time 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING - AUGUST 19, 1985

On August 4th 176 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Geits, Mrs. Runals  
(Treasurer, MESSRS: Gibson, Gleason, Goddard, Runals, Feldhousen, Crowell  
McMahon, Spillenaar, Proctor (Deacons) Reverend Dudley, Reverend Haines  
(Moderator)

EXCUSED Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Wilson

ABSENT: Mr. Bellemore

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roger Crowell led the decotions on the theme "Unity" using Scriptural references from II Samuel, James, Ephesians and John. This was followed by singing "Jesus My Lord" with Guitar accompaniment by Peggy Geist. Devotions were concluded with prayer by Reverend Haines.

Mrs. Runals for the Trustees explained the revised "Regulations Governing the Use of Premises," and the unrevised "Policy Statement." Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, the approval of the Policy Statement and the revised Regulations Governing the Use of Premises. Carried. (Policy Booklet) (end of minutes)

Mrs. Kullmann moved the approval of the July Treasurers Reports. Mr. Feldhousen seconded. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, the approval of the July 15, July 21 and August 4th Session Minutes.

CLERKS REPORTCOFFEE HOUR - volunteers

Sept. 1st - John Goddard - - Sept. 8th - No volunteer as yet, Sept. 15th Fred Feldhousen - - Sept. 22nd Mrs. Kullmann - Sept. 29th - Keith Spillenaar

Mr. Runals moved the adoption of the Slater Fund resolution as given in the June 18th, 1985 letter from Chet Seymour. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried. (Motion following):

"WHEREAS a copy of a petition to the Surrogate Court of Orleans County by the Presbyteries of Western New York and Genesee Valley to amend the terms of the Eleazer Trust Fund has been received and considered, and

WHEREAS it would appear from the facts therein set forth that such modification will benefit the church,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Session waives notice of citation in said proceeding and consents to the granting of the order requested in the petition and that the Clerk of Session is authorized to execute a waiver and consent of behalf of the church."

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the removal of Mr. & Mrs. Donavan Lee Klaaren from the rolls. Carried.

Articles for September "First Pres" should be submitted to Miss Malcolm by Sept.



UNITY & RENEWAL SHARING

Mrs. Rader described the Catholic "Renewal" Program and how it was similar to our Unity & Renewal theme. The renewal process at First Pres was discussed. The period was closed with prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

A brief break was taken to sing "Seek Ye First", again with guitar accompaniment by Miss Geist.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: (Mrs. Look) Dinner on November 1st is still scheduled. Loyalty Sunday, November 3rd, Final Report, Nov. 17th.

MISSION: (Mrs. Bianca) PUMA conference, October 18-19-20. Crop Walk for hunger is October 27th, 2 p.m. at Goat Island, Thirteen from our Church attended the New Wilmington Missionary Congerence. The Mullins Japanese dinner may be rescheduled.

YOUTH EDUCATION (Mr. McMahon) Sunday School starts on September 15th Jr. Sr. High Fellowship (7-8:30 p.m. on Sundays) starts the same date. A letter soliciting volunteers in the Youth ed. program will be forthcoming shortly.

EVANGELISM & NURTURE: (Mr. Feldhausen) Forty-four attended the picnic. Unity & Renewal night is September 22. Reaching new members is considered the function of this committee.

MEMBERSHIP: (Mr. Crowell) Committee recruiting is underway (Committee now has two members.)

BOARDS RETREAT - 1986

Mr. Gibson asks for volunteers and prayers regarding a theme.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn Mr. McMahon seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with prayer. Time 10:22

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard -Clerk of Session

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8th, 1985

The meeting was called to order by moderator Reverend Howard Haines. A quorum of members (greater than 50) was present. Reverend Howard Haines opened the meeting with prayer at 11:07 A.M.

Reverend Haines then explained the procedure from the Book of Order regarding the Call Of A pastor at a Congregational Meeting.

Doris Gray, Chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee, after a prayer, reported for the PNCS. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Congregation issue a call to Dale T. O'Connell as Senior Pastor. The terms of the call approved at the last Annual Meeting were by Dorathy Andrew.

Reverend Haines asked the Congregation if they were ready to elect a Senior Pastor. Action by raising of hands was affirmative.

Doris Gray moved that the Congregation issue a call to Dale T. O'Connell to undertake the office of Senior Pastor. Seconded by Burt Anderson. No questions or comments followed. Ballots were then passed out.

VOTE: 130 yes  
3 no  
2 undecided

Reverend Haines declared the vote is "YES" to the call of Dale O'Connell.

It was moved by Fred Feldhousen to have Doris Gray, Paul Wilson, and Roger Crowell sign the call and present the Call to Presbytery. Seconded by Helen Fox. Carried.

Appreciation to the PNC was given by applause from the Congregation.

Appreciation to Pastor Douglas Dudley and his family was also expressed by applause from the Congregation.

Helen Fox moved, Richard Wright seconded that the PNC be dismissed with thanks from the Congregation.

Grace Crowell moved we adjourn. Harriet Ranchil seconded. Carried.

Reverend Dudley closed with prayer at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

*Approved by  
Presbytery of Western New York  
Sept 24, 1985  
William A. Munson  
Moderator*

*David B. Haines  
Moderator*



SESSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 1985

On September 1st 106 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Look, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Rader  
MESSRS: Gibson, Feldhousen, Runals, McMahon, Goddard, Gleason, Crowell  
Wilson

TRUSTEES Mr. Hodgins, Mr. Rancil, Mr. Kullmann, Mr. Petts; Miss Fox (Treasurer)  
Reverend Dudley and Reverend Haines (Moderator)

EXCUSED Mr. Spillenaar, Miss Geist, MRs. Bianca

ABSENT Mr. Bellemore

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The devotions were led by Bil Gibson with a reading from II Thessalonias. Reverend Dudley then led us in the song "Alleluia", and concluded the devotions with prayer.

George Petts then described the repairs needed to put the Manse in good condition. Cost estimated: \$6,000. Mr. Gleason moved that we move \$5,000 from line #303 to line #680. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Martin Hodgins described the needed repairs to the organ and the north wall of the Church. Estimated cost for organ repair: \$38,000. Estimated cost for north wall repairs (includes window repair and roof repair): \$69,000 Total for both: \$107,000. Mr. McMahon moved, Mr. Crowell seconded, that we accept the Trustees report. Carried.

Mrs. Mitchell gave a Stewardship Report. October 13th - Bulletin notice regarding Stewardship letter. October 15th - First letter sent. October 20th - Stewardship starts. November 1st - Stewardship Dinner at 6 p.m. November 3rd Loyalty Sunday. November 17th - Final Report.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the Session accept Mrs. Mitchell report. Carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the August Treasurer's report. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Feldshousen seconded, that we transfer \$112.55 to line #1030 from line #319. Carried. (Bookkeeping adjustment)

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason seconded the approval of the August 19th minutes and Sept. 8th. Congregation meeting Minutes. Carried.

CLERKS REPORT

Mr. Wilson moved that Roger Crowell be our nominee as General Assembly Commissioner for June 10-18 meeting Minneapolis. Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.

A letter from the Presbyterian Lay Committee was read. Next meeting is September 20th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH EDUCATION 0 Mr. McMahon reported that the Sunday School is staffed, and the Jr. 7 Sr. High Sunday evening fellowship was attended by 11 children (out of 44 possible). Concern was expressed about High school graduates who leave the Church because of lack of planned activities for that group.

A Sunday School bus purchase is being considered.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Gibson seconded the approval of Jessica Jane Glover for baptism on Oct. 18th. Carried.

Reverend Haines suggested Sunday morning, 10 a.m, November 17th for Reverend O'Connell Installation as Senior Pastor.

UNITY AND RENEWAL

Paul Wilson shared his thoughts on Unity & Renewal as it related to large families and the former Pastoral Search Committee. This was followed by song and prayer.

MISSION - Sheila Rader reported a successful Japanese Dinner - \$1,512.90 was collected for the Mullins, PUMA Mission Conference October 18th-20th. Mission Dinner October 18th. Crop Walk - October 27th at Goat Island.

EVANGELISM & NURTURE - Fred Feldhousen - September 22nd - Unity Renewal Night. September 30th Bible Study Fellowship Leaders meeting. October 6th Inquirers' Class starts (11:15 a.m.) "First Press" newsletter is going well. Helpers needed during publication (end-of month).

MEMBERSHIP Roger Crowell reported that the Committee is now three people. Pastoral Assistants are helping with the "missing member" location.

PERSONNEL - John Runals-The Airds will be taking five (5) Sundays off during 1985 instead of 4. Mr. Runals moved that \$84.00 be deducted from line #740 and added to line 742 to cover the cost of substitute organist and choir director. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. Bill Gibson becomes Personnel Committee Chairman on September 30th. Mrs. Gray moved and Mr. Wilson seconded John Runals resignation from the Personnel Committee as of September 30th be accepted. Carried. Mrs. Kullmann moved that we not fill the Personnel Comm. vacancy. Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried.

WORSHIP Norma Kullmann - communion volunteers requested for October 6th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Mrs. Feldhousen reported that the committee is on course.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE ( Mr. Gibson) - A moving quotation of \$4,401.95 for the O'Connells was received.

ADULT EDUCATION - Mr. Goddard - The Wednesday evening program resumes on October 9th with the course "Basic Christianity", taught by Reverend Dudley.

OTHER BUSINESS - Policy statements on use of Buildings and Grounds and Regulations Governing Use of Premises were passed out. Mr. Runals reported that progress on the "Theme Park is slower than planned.

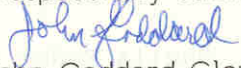
NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 21 (JOINT BOARDS)

Mr. Goddard moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that Reverend Dudley appoint a committee within the next two weeks to decide how best to raise the capital monies needed for organ repairs and north wall repairs. Carried.

Mr. Gibson reported that the All-boards retreat is formed and active.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with prayer at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session



SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Gray, Miss Geist, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Spillenaar, Crowell, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Wilson, MISSION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Andrew, Miss Phillips, Miss McLaren, Mr. Goddard acted as moderator on appointment led by Reverend Dudley

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Wilson opened in prayer.

Mr. Feldhousen explained the letter sent to members and friends of First Presbyterian Church

RE:

1. Mission Dinner and Mission Sunday
2. Appreciation at the dinner for Reverend and Mrs. Dudley

Mr. Feldhousen moved the approval of the plans for an appreciation ceremony and love offering to be collected for Reverend Dudley and presented to him at the dinner. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved we adjourn. Mr. Crowell seconded. Mrs. Gray closed with prayer. Time 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mr. Spillenaar, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Crowell, Miss Geist, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Feldhousen, Mr. Wilson, Reverend Haines (Moderator)

TRUSTEES: Mr. Kullmann, Mr. Petts, Mrs. Dashineay (Ad Hoc Capital Fund Committee)

Mr. Goddard reviewed the recommendations for emergency repairs from the Ad Hoc Committee on a Capital fund Drive for Organ and North Wall repairs. The committee appointed by Reverend Dudley, consisted of John Goddard, Carol Dashineau, and Ralph Kullmann. the emergency repairs to the North wall and Roof to be done prior to winter were outlined, as recommended by Hibbard Engineering. The need for about \$500 additional funds for Manse repairs was also outlined.

John Goddard moved that the remaining funds in Capital Spendable line #303 "Major Emergency Fund" be transferred to Capital spendable line #310 "Building Maintenance Fund", \$10,000.00 of which isto be reserved for "time and material" charges for repairs to the roof and North Wall in order to prevent further deterioration due to water leakage. Work isto be coordinated by the Trustees and Hibbard Engineering. Additional monies needed for manse repairs, over and above that available in budget line #680 and including the additional \$5,000 voted for that purpose at the Sept. 16th Session Meeting, are to come from the "Building and Maintenance Fund", Capital spendable line #310. Fred Feldhousen seconded. Motion carried.

The motion isto be presented to the Trustees Meeting Monday October 7th for their approval and action.

Paul Wilson moved to adjourn. Sheila Rader seconded. Paul Wilson closed in prayer. Time 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*  
John Goddard-Clerk of session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 1985

PRESENT: Mr. McMahon, Mr. Feldhousen, Mr. goddard, Mr. Bellemore, Mrs. Look, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Geist, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Crowell, Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Reverend Dudley opened with prayer.

Reverend Dudley explained that Bradley and Virginia Tompkins have received home Inquirers' Group instruction under Russ Stevenson and Reverend Dudley. Cindy Artymowicz is currently enrolled in a regular Inquirers Group.

Mr. Wilson moved to receive Bradley & Virginia Tompkins and Cynthia Artymowicz as members on October 27th, 1985. Seconded by Mr. Gibson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. gray, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Geist, Mrs. Bianca, MESSRS: Spillenaar, Goddard, gibson, Gleason, Feldhousen, Bellemore, McMahon Crowell, Wilson

On Sunday October 6th 182 people took Communion

EXCUSED: Mrs. Look, Miss Malcolm, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. Runals

Reverend Haines called the meeting to order at 8:52 p.m. The meeting was opened with sentence prayer and with the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Crowell moved, Mrs. Gray seconded, the approval of the September Treasurers Report.

Mr. Feldhousen moved the approval of the session Meeting Minutes of September 16th and Special Meetings of September 29th and October 6th. Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The official Pastoral Call is being interred into the permanent record.

A letter was received from Elizabeth Stevenson. She is in need of funds, and tapping the Elizabeth Stevenson Mission Fund for further monies will be investigated.

A letter of invitation to Church officers was read from the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston, regarding attendance on November 20th, 1985 at 8:15 p.m. at an informal presentation about homosexuality.

A letter from the Niagara Presbyterian was read, asking the opinion of our Session as to whether Jesus Christ was or was not bodily resurrected. The clerk will reply.



ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Newspaper articles regarding Dale O'Connell's arrival maybe published.

UNITY & RENEWAL

Mrs. Gray reported on the Unity & Renewal there, in regard to the loving interaction of the Pastoral Search Committee members

COMMITTEE REPORTSEVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Feldhausen)

Three are attending the current Inquirers Class.

STEWARDSHIP (Edith Mitchell)

Stewardship dinner is November 1. Rides will be offered to those who cannot drive.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Neil Bellemore)

Nomination acceptances are incomplete as yet.

MISSION COMMITTEE (Mrs. Bianca)

The Japanese Dinner and Annual Mission Dinner were both spiritual and financial successes. The 1986 Mission budget is 8/5% of the total budget. The 1986 Mission Yearbooks are \$4.00 per person for those who would like one.

YOUTH EDUCATION (David McMahon)

Jr. & Sr. High Retreat combined with Lancaster Presbyterian Church will be held at Camp Duffield November 1-3

The Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship is composing a cookbook for sale. Recipes are being solicited.

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MEMBERSHIP (Roger Crowell)

Committee members are being sought. Sheets with names of "missing" members were circulated for those who would like to call on some by phone or personal visit. These are people who have not attended church since January.

PRESBYTERY REPORT (Roger Crowell)

Mrs. Gray, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Crowell, and Reverend Dudley attended the September meeting. Dale O'Connell's call has been approved. Abbreviated minutes were circulated.

BOARDS RETREAT (Bill Gibson)

The Retreat is set for January 24 & 25th at the Beacon Motor Inn. Two letters will be sent to the officers regarding attendance. The theme is "He Reached Out First." A retreat leader is being sought.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL FUNDING

Mr. Goddard, for the Committee, reported that the above committee recommends that the a Capital Fund Drive be commenced as soon as practical after the first of the year. The capital funds will be used to complete repairs to the North Wall, to repaint the Sanctuary, and to repair the organ. An estimated \$125,000 is needed, but a better estimate will be available after the initial North wall repairs are completed in 1985.

Mr. Goddard moved that a Capital Fund Drive Committee be formed, consisting of two representatives from Session, two from Trustees, one from Deacons, and two from the Congregation. The two from the Congregation are to be chosen by Reverend Dudley. The Committee is to be in place by the end of November, and the fund drive initiated during the first half of 1986. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried.

#### CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING

A training session is scheduled Saturday November 2nd at Bacon Memorial.

#### NEXT MEETING

November 18.

Mrs. Rader suggested that the clerk of Session write a letter of appreciation to Reverend Haines for serving as moderator. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

It was noted that some youth are roaming the Church during the service. Ushers will check this.

Mr. Gibson moved we adjourn. Mrs. Gray seconded. Carried. Time 10:45 p.m.

Meeting was closed with open prayer.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard Clerk of Session

#### JOINT BOARDS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Gray, Miss Geist, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Ciesielski (Deacons)

MESSRS: McMahon, Goddard, Hodgins, Gibson, Kullmann, Spillenaar, Gleason, Crowell, Feldhousen, Bellemore Reverend Dudley and Reverend H. Haines (Mod.)

The meeting was called to order 7:34 by Reverend Haines. Mr. Gibson opened the meeting with Scripture Reading from I John 4. Miss Geist then read a poem by Helen Steiner Rice regarding inner peace, and led in song. Reverend Haines closed the devotions with prayer.

The Deacons report was given by Mrs. Ciesielski. The sermon tape ministry will be operational within two weeks. Ten tape players have been purchased. Mrs. Burmaz will be accepting orders for Bibles and note paper. The "Sunshine Table" every Sunday has cards to be signed for the ill.

There was no formal Session Report or Trustee Report.

Mr. Hodgins then presented the 1986 budget.

Mrs. Bianca moved the approval of the 1986 budget as presented. Mr. Crowell seconded. Carried.

The joint Meeting concluded with song at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 1, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Reverend O'Connell at 7:30 p.m. A present.

Reverend O'Connell opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 5, followed by prayer.

Mr. Bellemore, for the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination for Elders (3-year term):

Mr. Jack Cowan, Mrs. Dorothy Andrew, Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Peggy Proctor, Mrs. Fred Proctor, Mrs. Blanche Belin

Mr. Gleason moved that the nominations be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the above candidates. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Bellemore then placed in nomination for Deacons (3-year terms) the following: Mrs. Bonnie Felstead, Mrs. Delta LaDue, Mrs. Barbara Custers, Mr. Thomas Bou

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Custers seconded, that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the above candidates. Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Hodgins to conduct the corporate meeting.

Mr. Bellemore placed in nomination for Trustees (3-year terms) Mr. Peter Dooley, Mr. Gerald Greene, Mr. George Custers, Mrs. Daisy Moore

Mr. George Petts moved, Mr. Edward Felstead seconded, that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the above candidates. Carried.

Questions about the North Wall repairs and Organ repairs were entertained by Mr. Martin Hodgins.

Mrs. Bonnie Felstead moved, Mr. Fred Proctor seconded, the adjournment of the Corporate meeting. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell then called for nominations for Nominating Committee for 1986.

Peggy Geist nominated Sally Cowan

Fred Proctor nominated Bonnie Hodgins

Jack Cowan nominated Moria Proctor

Sheila Rader nominated Jan Pasisz

Eddie Snyder nominated Ralph Kullmann

Mrs. Gleason moved, Miss Hackenheimer seconded, that the nominations be closed and that an electing ballot be cast for the above candidates. Carried.

Mr. Martin Hodgins then presented the proposed budget for 1986.

George Custers moved, Edward Felstead seconded, the approval of the 1986 budget as presented, Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A suggestion to include 1985 budget figures next to proposed 1986 figures for comparisons sake was made.

Concern was made regarding "missing" members and how to reach them. It was noted that the Session was also concerned and working on this.

Mrs. Dunlop moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, ~~that~~ the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Blanche Belin moved to adjourn. Paul Wilson seconded. Carried. Reverend O'Connell closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 11985

On November 4th on 197 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Miss Malcolm, Miss Geist, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca Kullmann, MESSRS: Runals, Gleason, McMahon, Crowell, Bellemore, Gibson, Wilson, Goddard, Ralph Kullmann (Trustees) Pastors Reverend Dale O'Connell and Reverend Douglas Orr Dudley

EXCUSED; Mr. Feldhousen, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Spillenaar

The meeting was called to order by Reverend O'Connell at 7:33 p.m. with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer. Neil Bellemore opened the devotions with readings from I Peter. Peggy Geist led the session in song.

#### DEACONS REPORT (Reverend O'Connell)

A letter of resignation was received by the Deacons from Bruce Andrew. The shut-in tape ministry is underway. A recommendation to hold a "Love Feast" the Sunday before Valentine's day for the shut-ins was made. Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (Mr. Kullmann)

North Wall emergency repairs will begin soon. Total Manse repairs were \$6,108.32 Other manse repairs will be postponed until Spring.

Guest Sunday Continental Breakfast the 2nd Sunday of each month have been approved, and the first has been held already.

Two donations (Total \$3,000) have been received for the Capital Fund Drive (line #304) to go toward North Wall and Organ capital repairs.

Russell Look and Peter Dooley are Trustees representatives to the Capital Fund Drive Committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (Mr. Kullmann)

Mr. Runals moved the approval of the Treasurer's Reports for October. Mr. Gleason seconded. Carried. Mr. Runals moved the Special Funds Report for October be received. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried. The Church owes \$1,020.07 in back FICA taxes due to a 1984 clerical error. MR. Runals moved that the money to pay the FICA back tax to be taken from line 1600. Mrs. Rader seconded. Carried.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the minutes of the Special Session meeting of October 20th, the Joint Boards Meeting of October 21st and the Regular Session Meeting of October 21. Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The meeting at Lewiston Presbyterian Church on November 20th (8:p.m.) regarding an informal discussion on homosexuality and homophobia is open to church officers.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason moved that the Clerk be commended for his biblical and well stated reply to the letter from Niagara United Presbyterian Church regarding Christ's Bodily Resurrection. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that Alpheus Phelps be removed from the roles (death). Carried.

Mr. Runals moved the approval of the baptisms of Renae Jacklæ Mort (11/24/85), Andrew Nathan Pasisz (12/15/85, Julietta Lynn Naccarato (12/1/85) Mrs. Look seconded. Carried.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

The Inquirers Group is completed for the Fall.

UNITY AND RENEWAL (Mrs. Look)

Juanita Look discussed Unity Renewal from the perspective of her participation on the Women's Association.

A brief break for song was taken at this point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORSHIP (Mrs. Kullmann - to meet this week.

STEWARDSHIP (Mrs. Mitchell)

\$72,292.50 in pledges taken in to date (129 pledges)

PERSONNEL (Mr. Gibson)

Meeting on Pastor Job Descriptions and Personnel Evaluation forms coming up first week of December

Nancy Schulz will be off of work for at least 4 weeks due to surgery Dec. 3.

Salary continuation is for two weeks; longer periods subject to Session Approval.

Disability insurance is available (50% of salary up to a maximum of \$145 per week).

Mr. Goddard moved that Mrs. Schulz receive full pay (Whether by salary, disability insurance or combination of both) for the period of her convalescence. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell felt that the staff could get by with volunteer secretarial help during the interim. Mr. Runals moved the staffing be referred to the pastors and personnel committee. Mrs. Rader seconded. Carried.

EVANGELISM & NURTURE

Pot luck family Christmas Party December 7th, 6:00 p.m. Caroling for shut-ins may occur at a later date.

YOUTH EDUCATION (Mr. McMahon and Miss Geist)

Youth Fellowship Retreat went well. Cookbook forms are available; media blitz coming. Sunday School thru grade 6 will prepare Advent booklets. Christmas Program December 15th (2nd hour).

ADULT EDUCATION (Mr. Goddard)

The remaining Lay School schedule was outlined. The DiBiase course will conclude on December 8th, and Basic Christianity taught by Reverend Dudley on Wednesday evenings will conclude on November 20.

MISSION (Mrs. Bianca)

Benevolences for 1985 are different from budgeted due to system of per capita assessments. New Totals (1985); Interservice WNY

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Urban Christian Ministries | \$0   |
| Reverend Edwin Carlson     | 500   |
| Mr. Michael Medley         | 620   |
| Denomination Per Capita    | 620   |
|                            | 5,680 |

Elizabeth Stevenson has indicated that she would like the \$160/mo allotment from line 301 (Special Funds) be continued at that rate until exhausted. Mr. Crowell moved that the matter of support for Elizabeth Stevenson be referred back to the Mission committee. Mr. McMahon seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved that the Session give a blanket OK to announce to the Congregation that a channel (namely, One great Hour of Sharing) is available for funding in response to major disaster as they occur. Mr. Wilson seconded. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP (Mr. Crowell)

Eight people are assigned to cover 80 "missing" people in the Church family, Bill Gibson reported the results of his phone calls in this regard.

ALL BOARDS RETREAT Mr. Gibson)

January 17-18 at Beacon Motor Inn. Reverend Jackson from Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio will be the retreat leader.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Runals seconded, that \$200. be taken from Special Funds line #320 (Special Gift Fund) and sent to the Beacon for a deposit on 25 rooms. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bellemore will reconvene his Nominating Committee to select replacement for Bruce Andrew (resigned) as Deacon (1-year term). Election to be at February Congregation meeting. Mrs. Kullmann and the Worship Committee will take up the questions of hanging a Presbyterian banner in the Sanctuary. Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, that this be referred to the Worship Committee. Carried. Miss Malcolm will be working on the 1986 Master Calendar for Jan-June. Contributions accepted. Connie Henshaw Fund—an additional \$1,000 has been spent for medical expenses.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. McMahon volunteered to serve on the Capital Fund Drive Comm. Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded, the approval of those two members for Capital Fund Drive Committee. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded that the following dates be confirmed: January 8th (New Officer Training) & Jan 12 (Officer Installation). Carried.

Reverend O'Connell gave a Presbytery Report. Mission funds are available for inner city programs, which can apply to our Church's programs.



Next meeting - December 16.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mr. McMahon seconded. The meeting was closed in prayer at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 1985

PRESENT: Mr. Goddard, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gleason, Mr. Runals, Mr. Feldhousen

Mr. Goddard served as acting moderator

New Members: Paul & Bonnie Shoup, Susan Sylvester

On December 178 people took Communion

Meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Runals moved Mr. Gleason seconded the approval of Paul and Bonnie Shoup and Susan Sylvester for membership (joining this morning). Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded, that communion be administered at Robie Towers and Fairchild Manor in December by the Pastors. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Seconded the setting of February 9, 1986 as the Special Congregational Meeting date for receiving the Annual Reports. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved we adjourn. Mr. Feldhousen seconded. Carried. Time 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 1986

On January 5, 1985 183 people took Communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, Miss Geist  
Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Mitchell: Messrs: Feldhousen, Gibson, McMahon, Spillenaar, Proctor and Reverend Dale O'Connell

EXCUSED: Dennis Gleason, Reverend Dudley, Doris Gray, Jack Cowan, Elizabeth Mitchell

Meeting was opened with devotion and prayer by Reverend O'Connell.

Minutes of November 18th Regular Session meeting and December 22nd Session meeting were moved for approval by Peggy Patch and seconded by Fred Proctor and approved.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1986

EVANGELISM & NURTURE - Fred Feldhousen, Chm. - Gleason V-Chm.=Fred Proctor  
YOUTH EDUCATION Peggy Geist Chm.  
ADULT EDUCATION Dave McMahon - Elizabeth Mitchell  
MISSION Janet Bianca Chm. - Sheial Rader - V.Chm.  
STEWARDSHIP Doris Gray, Chm.  
WORSHIP Norma Kullmann, Chm. - Blanche Belin V-Chm.  
MEMBERSHIP Edith Mitchell, Juanita Look, Peggy Patch, Jack Cowan  
 and Keith Spillenaar

PRESBYTERY & ECUMENICAL CONCERNS Dorathy Andrew

Keith Spillenaar moved and Dave McMahon seconded that committee assignments be as listed above. Carried.  
 All chairman are requested to submit names of full committee to Nancy Schulz this coming month.

OTHER DUTIES

CLERK OF SESSION: Dorathy Andrew, Fred Feldhousen and Sheila Rader were nominaed but all declined. Fred Feldhousen moved and Norma Kullmann seconded John goddard be contacted and asked to be Clerk of Session. Carried. John cgreed to accept for one more year. Sheila Rader moved Blanche Belin seconded that John Goddard be elected Clerk of Session. Carried. Dave McMahon was thanked for being willing to be Clerk of session.

Dave McMahon was thanked for being willing to be clerk of Session.

Peggy Patch moved and Norman Kullmann seconded that William Gibson be Chairman and Fred Proctor V-Chairman of the Personnel Committee and that Juanita Look and Blanche Belin serve on the Nominating committee; with Juanita Look as chairman. Carried.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR REPORT (Given by Reverend O'Connell)

Capital Fund Drive Committee has been formed. They consist of Peter Dooley Chm., Russell Look, Dave McMahon, Paul Wilson, Barbara Custers, Ralph Kullmann, and Grace Crowell and Reverend O'Connell.

DEACONS REPORT Report on tape ministryTRUSTEES REPORT (Russell Look)

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| 1986 Budget is short by     | 14,141   |          |
| 1985 Excess carried to 1986 | 25,777   | est.     |
|                             | 16,710   | actual   |
|                             | 9,067    | shortage |
| Stewardship Campaign        | 86,800   | est.     |
|                             | 81,067   | actual   |
|                             | 4,933    |          |
| Total                       | \$14,000 | shortage |



Budget committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 1986 at 7:15 p.m. to consider adjusting the budget for the above shortage. Juanita Look, moved William Gibson seconded to accept Treasurer report. Carried.

Clerks Report - Baptisms performed - Andrew Pasisz - Dec. 15 - Julietta Naccarato  
Dec. 1 - Renae Jackleen Mort - 11/24/85 - Shara Sylvester - 12/22/85

Communion - Mon. Dec. 2 (2) by Reverend Dudley

Dec. 5 (2) by Reverend O'Connell

Dec. 11 (2) O'Connell assisted by Deacon Bonnie Felstead

Dec. 19 (13) by Reverend O'Connell assisted by Doris Gray and Juanita Look

Dec. 23 (3) by Reverend O'Connell assisted by Keith Spillenaar

Jan 9th (2) by Reverend Dudley

Nominating Committed - To Deacons - Mrs. Ruth Tarczynski

Presbytery Delegates Report - Report on Urban Mission Strategy task Force passed out to members.

Reverend O'Connell recommended that copies of Vanguard and Parish Paper be purchased for members of all boards at cost of \$150/yr. to be taken from line #320, Special Gift Fund - moved by Bill Gibson and seconded by Dave McMahon. Carried.

#### Correspondence, Old and Routine Business

#### ROLL CHANGES:

Delete: Ethel Carnochan - Deceased

Transfer Request - Robert Bailey to Stamford Pres. - NF, Ont.

Request Delete Nancy Cyphers

All moved by William Gibson and seconded by Fred Proctor, Carried.

Sunday Fellowship Hour Coffee will be coordinated for session for March & June by Fred Proctor.

Letter from Community Mission Re: CMI disaster plan. First Presbyterian previously was a part of this plan (Space for CMI residence in case of disaster affecting CMI facilities). CMI asked for us reaffirm our agreement. Moved by Norma Kullmann, Janet Bianca and carried that Session consider them part of our mission to the community and recommend that Trustees reaffirm our commitment.

Presbytery Pulpit Exchange, April 20 - we will not take part in this, this year.

Romans 7 Group - Letter from Fred Feldhausen asking permission to use basement and for weekly meeting approval by Trustees. Dave McMahon moved, Fred Proctor seconded and carried that proposed group for Christian spiritual growth be permitted to use the church space on Thursday evenings in accordance with the established policies for church use.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

Reverend O'Connell proposed that Membership Committee meet on 4th Monday of each month with the Deacons. All other committees proposed to meet on 1st Monday of each month. Each Committee asked to give committee report items and proposed action to Reverend O'Connell one week before Session for inclusion in agenda.

#### MISSION COMMITTEE

Reported: Gary Allen visited 3/12/86

Hunger Symposium - See Janet Bianca for registration forms.

Puerto Rico Work/Study program planned by PUMA-applications available

Moved by Peggy Parch, seconded by William Gibson, called to approve Mission Committee recommendation to: Delete line #301 from other funds

Reduce line 526 from #41 to \$41

Add line item 528 - Elizabeth Stevenson \$300 (Reduced from 526).

Moved by Janet Bianca, seconded by Dorathy Andrew that Session approve Lenten Campaign for One Great Hour of Sharing with 1986 goal of \$1,000. Carried.

#### YOUTH EDUCATION

Moved by Peggy Patch and seconded by Sheila Rader, carried that Youth Education Committee select a primary and alternate nominee for Youth Triennium and under write balance of expenses (partical payment by Presbytery) from line #322.

#### RETREAT:

No objection given to issue payment of \$200. plus 20¢ a mile for amount expense to William Jackson for retreat.

#### PERSONNEL

Moved by Juanita Look, seconded by Blanche Belin carried to add a member of Board of Deacons to Personnel Committee.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

As shown on sheets passed out, moved by Dave McMahon, seconded by Norma Kullmann, carried that it be approved.

HE REACHED OUT FIRST BANNER/PLAQUE - Moved by Fred Proctor, seconded by Sheila Rader that Session favor mounting in Fellowship Hall if approved by Trustees.

Adjournment moved by Keith Spillenaar, seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Time 11:47 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer by Peggy Geist.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Feldhousen, Acting Clerk

#### SPECIAL JOINT BOARDS MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Miss Fox, Mrs. Patch, Miss Giest, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Runals, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Look  
MESSRS: Dooley, Spillenaar, Patch, Proctor, Gleason, Feldhousen, Cowan, Gibson, Goddard, Hodgins, Ranchil and Look  
Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

Mrs. Runals opened the meeting with prayer at 11:15 a.m. She then described the revised income figures for 1986, which showed about a \$14,000. shortfall.

The recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee was that for 6 months we proceed as is with the current budget. After 6 months we review again where we are with respect to our budget goals.



Mrs. Runals moved that the Committees recommendation be accepted. MR. Dooley seconded. Carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 11:44 a/m/

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 1986

The meeting was convened at 11:13 a.m. with prayer by Reverend Dale T. O'Connell. A quorum (50+) was present.

Annual reports were distributed.

Reverend O'Connell read the Church By-Laws applicable to this meeting.

A suggestion was made to include a report by the nominating Committee, including the names of the committee members and who the nominees for office (elected in November( were).

Mr. Wilson moved, Mr. Ranchil seconded, the approval of the reports of the Pastors, the Session, the Session Committees and the Deacons. Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Runals, President of the Trustees, to conduct the Corporate meeting.

Helen Fox explained the Treasurer's report. On P. 40, the 3rd column total (revised budget should read \$178,931.

Mr. Petts moved, Mr. Wilson seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be received. Carried.

Mr. Ranchil explained the Investment Committee report.

A note was made of a budget change by Mrs. Runals (estimated receipts).

The budget for 1986 is not included in the annual report but was passed out at the November meeting.

Under receipts (p. 1. \$16,710 instead of 25,777

pledges 81,075 instead of 86,000

Payments on Previous

pledges 181. instead of \$280.

Total difference: \$14,091 (Shortfall in 1986) budget.

This will be reviewed in six (6) months to decide if action is necessary.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the Trustees report. Carried.

The meeting was returned to Reverend O'Connell.

Mr. Bellemore, for the Nominating Committee, nominated Mrs. Ruth Tarczynski to serve as Deacon for one (1) year to fill an unexpired term.

Mr. Tompkins moved, Mr. Anderson seconded, that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Tarczynski. Carried.

Mrs. Runals noted that Jean McLaren is now our new Church Historian, and Jean would welcome any contributions related to our Church History.

Mr. Anderson moved, Mr. Bellemore seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Reverend O'Connell closed with prayer at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

# SESSION MEETING - MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1986

On Sunday February 2 152 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Belin, Miss Geist, Miss Fox (Treasurer), Mrs. Ciesielski (Deacons)  
MESSRS: Proctor, Goddard, Gleason, Spillenaar, Cowan, Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell, Mr. Look (Trustees), and the Senior High Sunday School Class including teachers, Mr. Custers and Mr. Ruckh and class members Wayne Wade, Kelcey O'Connell, Laura Chambers and Judy van Valkinburgh.

EXCUSED: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bianca, Mr. Feldhousen, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kullmann, Mr. McMahon, Mrs. Mitchell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell. Mr. Gleason opened the devotions with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer concerning mission within the Western New York Presbytery. Reverend O'Connell then followed with a reading from Mark 8: 34-35. The Session members were challenged to "take up their crosses". Devotions were closed with prayer.

Mrs. Look moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that the January 20th minutes be approved as corrected, and that the Jan. 26th minutes be approved. Carried.

Mr. Gleason moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, the approval of the minutes of the Feb. 9th Congregational Meeting, with the provision that the dollar values be changed appropriately. Carried.

Miss Fox then passed out 2 ppp sheets regarding procedures for signing vouchers, along with the check signing and check distribution schedule. Miss Fox then explained the January 1986 Treasurer's report.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mr. Spillenaar seconded, the approval of the January 1986 Treasurer's report. Carried.

Mrs. Ciesielski (Deacons Moderator) reported for the Deacons. Approximately 40 shut-ins are called on each month. Peter Ruckh and Clothilde Dooley carry out the tape ministry, which is proceeding fairly well (14 tapes went out last week). The Love Feast received a great response, and was well appreciated by the 42 shut-ins, who received them. Sunshine table (cards) has also received a good response. Memorial Pew-Bibles are also handled by the Deacons.



Mr. Look reported for the Trustees. Trustees minutes will be forthcoming with details.

Clerk's Report: Communion Served:

152 on Sunday Feb. 2  
2 on Tuesday Feb. 4  
2 on Monday Feb. 10

The number of members reported to the General Assembly was 504 as of 12/31/85.

PASTORS REPORT:

Capital Fund Drive: April & May

Nancy Schulz: Out of office for surgery Feb. 25th and weeks following.

Miss Geist moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, that we commence the next Session meeting at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday evenings, with Keith Spillenaar.

A gift of \$1500.00 for a VCR/TV Cabinet is referred to the Trustees for selection of the proper unity.

Eunice Poethig, Executive Presbytery, wishes to meet church leaders. Referred to Dorathy Andrew's committee (Presbytery and Exumenical Concerns.)

A representative to the Lockport Presbytery Home Advisory Board is needed.

A brief stretch was taken from 8:48 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. Mr. Spillenaar expanded on the theme "He Reached Out First," relating his own healing experience and the subsequent influence of Christ in his life.

The Senior Highs left at this point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A sheet regarding 1986 committee activities was made available to Session members - to be filled in by each committee for presentation at the March Session meeting.

YOUTH EDUCATION: (Miss Geist)

Members so far: Peggy Geist, Kate Myers, Dave McMahon, Martin Hodgins, Penny Felstead, Bonnie Felstead, Jan Pasisz, Neil Bellemore

ACTIVITIES: Feb. 2 Alcohol Abuse Program  
Feb. 23 Fun and Fellowship YMCA  
Mar. 9 Roller Skating  
Mar. 16 Film on god's Covenant  
Apr. 13 You and I at the Y (Family night 5-8 p.m.)  
May 16-18 Retreat at Camp Duffield.

Two separate fellowships now exist (Jr. & Sr. High)

WORSHIP (Mrs. Belin)

Greeters on Sunday, transportation from Wrobel Towers et. al. and Welcome cards are being referred to the MEMBERSHIP Committee, upon a motion by Mrs. Belin, seconded by Mrs. Look. Carried.

Maundy Thursday Communion service will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth will participate in the Service on four Sundays in 1986.

EVANGELIST AND NURTURE

MEMBERS: Fred & Beverly Feldhouse, Burt & Ellen Anderson, Russ & Juanita Look  
Dave & Julie Taylor, Fred and Moira Proctor, Jim Patch and Dennis Gleason

A new Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at the church be led for young mothers.

The Prayer book as been distributed, and has been well received.

INQUIRERS' GROUP - March 9 - April 13

"He Reached Out First" program featuring "Heavenly Braces" is scheduled for April 13.

Two Koinonia Weekends - (March 14-16 Men; April 18-20-Women) are coming up.

Mr. Gleason moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, the the organization for the Inquirers' Group be delegated to the Membership Committee. Carried.

ADULT EDUCATION

Enrollment in Bethle - 24. Class of 13 meeting on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. for "How To Interpret the Bible."

MISSION ( Mrs. Rader)

Gary Allen will be here the weekend of March 2, and will discuss his ministry with the United Nations. On Saturday March 1, at 7 p.m. he will give his presentation; also during Dialogue and Fellowship Hour on March 2, followed by soup and sandwiches.

Elizabeth Stevenson will give a Minute for Mission at the service February 23, plus she will visit Bible Study Fellowships.

One Great Hour of Sharing programs goal is \$1,000; program is inderway. Mr. Gleason moved and Mrs. Patch seconded that the Mission Committee be authorized to write a proposal for a Single Parent Self Help project to be housed in our church to receive Mission fund monies from Presbytery in 1987 and to form a task force of local church members to determine how best to implement such a program without duplicating the efforts of other agencies. Carried. The task force is to bring a final report to Session at the regular June 1986 meeting. It was noted that our site and our volunteer hours would constitute an in-kind contribution to this pilot project.

The South End Coordinating Committee Drop-In center at First Baptist Church exists for ages 13-21 youths who are not welcomed at home and need a place to. The Committee would like to request \$1,000 from Presbytery for 1987 to support this activity. Also the committee recommends that \$100 from the 1987 Church Mission Budget be committed to this program. Also \$100 from Special Gift Fund (line 320) is to be donated in 1986. This 3-part motion was moved by Peggy Patch, seconded by Juanita Look. Carried

PRESBYTERY AND ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Patch moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, the formation of the above named Committee. Carried. Mrs. Andrew is Chairman.

Presbytery Day is Saturday February 22nd, having several workshops.

On March 15, at Lockport, First Presbyterian Church, the Wooster College Symphony will perform

Eunice Punice Poethig on March 21st, 7:45 p.m., Orchard Park, will be installed as Executive Presbyter.



MEMBERSHIP - to meet February 24th.

PERSONNEL - (Fred Proctor)

Members: Fred Proctor, Bill Gibson, Gary Myers, Barbara Custers, and Paul Devitt

The Personnel Committee has approved the attendance of both Pastors at New Wilmington Missionary Conference. O'Connell vacation March 31-April 6th. Both items moved by Dorathy Andrew, seconded by Blance Belin. Carried.

Nancy Schulz does not work on Sunday, and business matters should not be discussed with her during this time of worship and fellowship.

Joh Descriptions for Doug and Dale are finalized, will be presented at March Session Meeting.

Doug will act as staff support for Adult Education, Worship and Evangelist and Nurture, and Deacons. All others, Dale.

NEW AND OTHER "BUSINESS"

Communications of church events - to be discussed in March.

Prayer Chain = being formed ( 60 people involved)

Newsletter and Prayer Chain - accountable to Session

Women's Association - have new name, new officers, and 1986 calendar.

Fred Proctor presented the Session with a picture of Christ with sheep. Mr. Proctor moved that we refer the picture to the Trustees with the recommendation that it be hung in the Fellowship Hall, Lounge or Fireside room, and that the Church Historian be consulted regarding historical significance. Mr. Spillenaar seconded. Carried.

Mr. Proctor moved we adjourn. Mrs. Patch seconded. Carried. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Time 10:33 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann  
MESSRS: Proctor, Cowan, Goddard, Gibson, Spillenaar, McMahon, Gleason  
Miss Fox (Treasurer)  
Reverend Dudley (Moderator)

Reverend Dudley opened with prayer at 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Gibson for the Personnel Committee reported that volunteer help will supply interim secretarial help during Nancy Schulz's absence. Help with posting the book is also needed.

Mr. Proctor moved that Carolyn Goddard's offer to post the books at no charge during Nancy's absence be accepted. Mrs. Belin seconded. Carried.

Mr. Spillenaar moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that we adjourn. Carried.  
Time 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MARCH 17, 1986

On March 2 177 people were served communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Miss Geist, Mrs. Andrew  
 MESSRS: Proctor, Cowan, Feldhausen, Gleason, Spillenaar, Goddard, McMahon, Mr. Custers (Trustee), Mrs. Dooley (Deacons), Miss Fox (Treasurer), Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Gray.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and from Isaiah 25:6-9. Devotions were closed with prayer.

Mr. Gleason moved that the Session minutes of February 17th and February 17 and Feb. 23 be accepted with minor corrections. Mr. Proctor seconded. Carried.

Mr. Custers gave the Trustees report.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, and Mrs. Look seconded that \$241.28 be paid to the IRS to be taken from account #311. Carried.

Mrs. Patch moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that no disposition of the Betty E. Ferguson bequest be considered until the money has been received in hand. Carried.

Dave McMahon moved, Edith Mitchell seconded, that is necessary operating expenses of the Capital Fund Drive be paid from line #304. Carried.

Deacons Report was given by Clothilde Dooley.

Treasurer's Report Helen Fox

Mr. Proctor moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, the approval of the February Treasurer's report. Carried.

Clerk's Report

Sunday March 2 - 177 were served communion.

Associate Pastor's Report (Reverend Dudley)

Communion Served: - Monday Feb. 24 - 1 (Reverend Duley- Esther Werner)

Sunday March. 2 - 2 (Rev. Dudley)

Friday Feb, 21 - 35 (Koinona Meeting: Reverend Dudley)

PASTOR'S REPORT (Reverend O'Connell)

Ideas for ministry together, now and for 3 years into the future, were presented.

Peggy Geist addressed the theme "He Reached Out First" using the Daily Guidepost devotions.

CORRESPONDENCE

The WorldWide Pictures film "Cry From the Mountain" will be shown in the area. James Sandanatta requested that our Church promote and support the film with counselors if needed. Mr. Feldhausen moved, Mrs. Look seconded, that the matter of our participation in the above matter be referred to the Evangelism and Nurture Committee. Carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTSADULT EDUCATION (Dave McMahon)

Marcia O'Connell is chairman pro temps.

PRESBYTERY & ECUMENCIAL CONCERNS (Dorothy Andrew)

More members for the committee are desired. Presbytery attended.  
Eunice Piethig will visit Monday May 5th for a Pot-luck

Dorothy Andrew moved that 1986 Roger Crowell be appointed as seconded voting delegate to Presbytery, Russell Look and Paul Wilson be appointed as regular delegates to the Niagara Council of Churches. David McMahon seconded. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP (Juanita Look, Keith Spilleaar)

Outreach is the key concern for now.

MISSION (Sheila Rader)

The two mission proposals, approved last meeting, were submitted to Presbytery.

YOUTH EDUCATION (Peggy Geist)

Camp dates are set, Children's Day June 22nd. The committee is considering hiring a part-time Youth Director, to be funded out of line 322, Youth Program Endowment Fund Interest.

EVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Feldhousen)

Events are scheduled approx. monthly. Inquirers' Class (21 people) is currently meeting.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE (Norman Kullmann)

Maundy Thursday Service in Fellowship Hall, Communion will be served by intincture.

PERSONNEL (Fred Proctor)

Performance evaluations will be made semi-annual. Jobs that need doing also will be reviewed semi-annually.

Mr. Proctor moved that a change in the Policy Manual on the page titled "Session Committee Structure (revised March 1985)" under the duties of the Personnel Committee, such that personnel reviews will be semi-annual instead of annual be made. Mr. Gleason seconded. Carried.

Mr. Proctor moved that the Session adopt the job Descriptions for Pastor and Associate Pastor as approved by the Personnel Committee 3/13/86/ Fred Feldhousen seconded. Carried. Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, that the phrase "as time permits" in item II under "Responsibilities" be deleted on both job descriptions as an amendment to the above motion. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Patch moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, that the Baptisms of the Murray and Powell babies, and the dedication of the McMahon baby approved.

Michael Sean William Murray, son of Rover and Sherry Murray, born 11-6-85, N.F., N.Y. for April 13 Baptism. Royola Ponzi and Richard Bosso, sponsors.

James Allen Powell, Jr. son of James and Roxanne Powell, born 2/6/86, N.F., N.Y. for April 27 Baptism

Nathaniel Scott McMahon, son of David and roin McMahon, born 12/5/85 Niagara Falls N.Y. for...

Dates to be established later. Carried.

Mr. Feldhousen moved, we adjourn, Mr. Proctor seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with sentence prayers. Time 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Goddard

#### SESSION MEETING MONDAY APRIL 21, 1986

On April 6, 1986 206 partook in communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Geist, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Custers (Deacons), George Custers (S.S. Teacher)  
MESSRS: Proctor, Felshousen, Cowan Spillenaar, Goddard, Gleason, McMahon, Mr. Ranchil (Trustees), Miss Fox (Treasurer), Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell

NEW MEMBERS: By Letter of Transfer - Kelcey O'Connell, Lynette O'Connell with , Marcia O'Connell, Leah Beck, Hedwig Hallan - By Profession of Faith: Bryan Bouch, Wendy Devitt, Susan Schulz, Judith VanValkinburgh - By Profession of Faith and Baptism: Nadeen Burr, John Cowan

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Gibson, Dorathy Andrew

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer, from Galatians 5, and excerpts from the writings of Mother Theresa. Devotions were concluded with prayer.

MR. Gleason moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that those listed above as new members candidates be received into membership. Carried.

The new members left at this point.

Mrs. Rader moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that Duncan Smith and Christine Goddard also be received as members on Profession of Faith. Carried.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, that the minutes of the March 17 minutes be approved. Carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS

Mr. McMahon moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Carried

Mrs. Patch moved, Miss Geist seconded, that in May we have a 3-month estimated budget report by the Treasurer. Carried.

A special (third) team of counters is desirable for special collections, e.g. One Great Hour of Sharing. One is planned.



Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that any interest owed to the IRS be paid for out of line #311. Carried.

Helen Fox submitted her resignation effective no later than October 14, 1986. Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, that we accept Miss Fox's resignation with regret. Carried.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT Explained by Mr. Ranchil

Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, that the Trustees motion to delete the Finance Committee be tabled until the May meeting of Session. Carried.

#### CAPITAL FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wilson, who joined the meeting just prior to this point, announced that in excess of \$30,000 has been received so far in cash and pledges.

Mr. Feldhousen moved the Session authorize the Trustees to draw up a proposal or proposals for financing the shortfall in the Building Fund Campaign, and report back at the May meeting. Jack Cowan seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann moved that the Trustees be direct to establish a line of credit up to \$60,000 for Phase II (North Wall) Capital repairs with no authority to withdraw any of it at this time. Mrs. Bianca seconded. Carried.

#### DEACONS REPORT - Explained by Barbara Custers

#### CLERK REPORT (John Goddard)

Communion served Sunday April 6: 208

Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mr. Gleason seconded the approval of the baptism of Tammy Boss of her mother's (Mary Jane Boss) profession of faith

Roll changes (moved by Mrs. Kullmann, seconded by Fred Proctor)

Add new members (as above)

Delete - Daniel Neil and Mae Powers (Deceased)

Transfer to Inactive - Margaret Bullock, Carl Parnella, Leslie Phillips, DeLuu, Marie Simpson, Clayton Wiseman, Restore to active and then Transfer to Good Shepherd Pres. Church, Lilburb, Ga., Phillip Allan Carrington.

Peggy Geist moved, Fred Proctor seconded, that the resignation of Doris Gray from the Session be accepted. Carried.

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Home Communion administered 3/19/86 and 4/6/86 by the Reverend Dudley
2. Hospital Communion administered 4/11/86 by the Reverend Dudley

Funerals - Daniel Neil 4/16/86 - Mae Powers 4/18/86

#### PASTOR'S REPORT (Dale O'Connell)

All children should get their own mailing. General agreement expressed on this. Mrs. Patch moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded, that Reverend O'Connell be allowed to serve Communion at Camp Duffield May 16-18. Carried.

VANGUARD magazines were distributed.

Information was reported on the following committees as below:

Worship Committee (Norma Kullmann)

Membership Committee (Reverend O'Connell)

Evangelism & Nurture (Fred Feldhousen)

June 8th will be an evening worship and music service, Dr. Polini leading.

A Billy Graham film "Cry from the Mountain" may be shown, with an altar call, at a local theater.

Adult Education (Doug Dudley)

Will meet April 23, 1986

Missions (Janet Bianca)

Host families for Carl Templin's international students may still be needed (May 30-June 1) One Great Hour of Sharing receipts \$742.10

Mrs. Bainca moved, Peggy Patch seconded, that Session approve sponsoring the Niagara County Migrant and Rural Ministry, a Presbytery Mission project, that we commit \$100. of 1987 Direct Benevolences to this ministry, and that we notify Presbyter of action. Carried. Reverend O'Connell will notify Presbytery.

Youth Education (Peggy Geist)

Personnel (Fred Proctor)

Position reviews are under way.

PRESBYTERY & ECUMENICAL CONCERNS

Dr. Unice Piethig will be here on May 5th to meet with Congregational leaders 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Pot Luck Supper.

New and Other Business

The Annual Congregational Meeting date for November will be set at the next Session meeting.

A revised Session Committee Structure was passed out for review at next Session meeting.

An all Boards Retreat Committee will hopefully be formed at the next meeting.

A Treasurer Selection Committee also will hopefully be formed at the next Session meeting.

A time for response to global issues expressed in the LAYMAN will be reserved at meeting.

Mr. Feldhousen moved we adjourn. Mrs. Rader seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with prayer at 11:05 p.m.

Please come with specific suggestions on the following

1. 3 month Budget deficit report with projections
2. Treasurer selection committee
3. Trustee recommendation Re: Finance Committee
4. Trustee proposal (s) RE: Loan and repayment of loan for Phase II
5. November Congregational meeting date, time.
6. Up date "Session Committee Structure" pages in policy book.
7. All

Respectfully submitted,

*John Goddard*

John Goddard-Clerk of Session



## SESSION MEETING MINUTES- MAY 19, 1986

Communion - served 186 on May 4th

PRESENT: Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Patch, MRs. Look, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs Rader, Mrs. Bobst (Deacons), Mrs. Runals (Trustee), Miss Fox (Treasurer) Miss Geist  
 MESSRS: Proctor, Gleason, Gibson, Cowan, Feldhousen, Ranchil (Trustee)

EXCUSED: MESSRS: McMahon, Spillenaar, Goddard,  
 Edith Mitchell, Norma Kullmann, Blanche Belin, Elizabeth Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and the Parable of the Placeseekers: Luke 14:7-14.

Sheila Rader was appointed acting Clerk by Reverend O'Connell.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mr. Gleason seconded that the Session minutes of April 21, approved with the correction that all children who are members receive their own mailings. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Helen Fox

Projections for the remainder of 1986 Budget year were reported by Helen Fox. Mrs. Bianca moved, MRs. Patch seconded the approval of the April Treasurer's Report. Carried.

TRUSTEES - Erma Runals

Mrs. Runals reviewed the Policy Statement on the Use of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment.

Mr. Cowan moved, Mrs. Look seconded the approval of Policy Statement Re: Use of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment as approved by the Board of Trustees on 4/14/86 and the Policy Statements re: Regulations Governing the Use of Premises and Equipment as approved by the Board of Trustees on 5/12/86. Carried. (pages following minutes)

Mr. Gibson moved, Mrs. Patch seconded the approval of Policy Statement re: Regulations Governing the Use of the Audio Visual Equipment as approved by the Board of Trustees in 5/12/86. Carried. (following minutes)

Mrs. Runals reported on the policy of the Board of Trustees re: Issuing of Church Keys and on the Schedule of Budget Planning and Requests proposed for all committees in order to enable the Budget and Finance Committee to plan better.

Mrs. Patch moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded the approval of the 5/12/86 recommendations of the Board of Trustees re: Methods of Financing Phase II of the Church Renovation Plan. Mr. Gibson moved that we amend the motion to include:

"by transferring to a new line item, whose authorization shall be assigned to Trustees, from Special Funds 311, 315, 319, and 350A those funds available from time to time, to a maximum of \$60,000."

Mr. Gleason moved, Miss Geist seconded the approval of the Trustees plan to secure the \$60,000.00 line-of-credit with Permanent Savings Bank to be executed by the President of the Board of Trustees and appoint the Clerk of Session and the President of the Board of Trustees to jointly give written authorization to any two of the following as signatories on checks:

1. The President of the Board of Trustees
2. The Vice President of the Board of Trustees
3. The Treasurer.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bianca moved, Mr. Proctor seconded that we take from the table the motion of last month to delete the Finance Committee as a standing (By-laws) committee of the Trustees. Motion carried.

Mrs. Andrew moved that Article 4, Section 9, Paragraph (a) of the By-laws be deleted and be brought up at the next stated Congregational meeting in November 1986. Motion carried.

DEACONS (Helen Bobst)

Mrs. Bobst reported on the Tape Ministry which will be temporarily suspended for July and August, Clothilde Dooley's workshop report on Aging from NF. M.M.C., Shut-in Sunday, decision not to fill the Deacon vacancy, and shut-in Communion.

CLERK OF SESSION (John Goddard)

Mrs. Look moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded the following roll changes:

Add Elizabeth Blackweel (from inactive roll)

Delete - Isabel Esslie - death 5/5/86 G-10.0302 b (8)

Cecil Thompson - death 5/11/86

Elizabeth Patch - joined 1st Congregational, Middletown, N.Y. G-10.0302 b(4)

William Patch - joined 1st Baptist Church, Va.

Communion served 186 on May 4th, 1986

ASSOCIATED PASTOR: - (Douglas Dudley)

Home Communion

4/23/86 (2) served - Reverend Dudley with Elder Paul Wilson assisting

4/30/86 (2) served " with Elder George Petts assisting

5/5/86 (2) served " unassisted

Mr. Dudley acknowledged Mr. Gibson graduation from U.B. and welcomed him back to Session Meetings.

PASTOR (Dale O'Connell)

Communion served at Camp Duffield: 59, assisted by Elders: Dave McMahon and Dorathy Andrew

Reverend O'Connell encouraged Session Committees to use the existing planning forms for calendar and budget.

The following dates have been scheduled for meetings:

July 7th - 7:00 p.m. (6 months eval.)

Aug. 18th - '87 calendar requests

Sept. 15th - '87 budget requests to Session completed

Sept. 30 - '87 budget requests to B&F

Oct. 7th - 14th Budget finance

Oct. 20th - Joint Boards

Nov. 1st Annual meeting

Mr. Proctor moved, Mr. Feldhausen seconded the Annual Meeting be held on Saturday, November 1st.

Mrs. Bianca moved, Mr. Gibson seconded the approval of the baptism request for Andrew Lawrence Williams (born 3.28.85) made by parents Larry & Ruth (Zasowski) Williams. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bianca moved that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday, May 29th at 7:30 pm.

Mrs. Patch seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Rader - Clker Pro temp.



REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

Approved by Board of Trustees=5/12/86

Approved by Session 5/19/86

1. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the Church, except on a careful basis in the kitchen when there is no food preparation in service.
2. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may not be consumed on the church premises or grounds.
3. Wading or bathing in the pool on the Church grounds is prohibited.
4. No Church property shall be removed from the premises without prior approval by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee. Such approval must be sought in writing and in advance. Explaining what items are to be borrowed, the purpose, the location to be used, and date of borrowing and return. A record is to be maintained under the responsibility of the Pastors of the Church. This record is to properly record the exit and condition of the equipment, and the return and condition of same.
5. Church property must be returned to its original condition and any litter which may be created by those using the facilities must be removed by them. Furniture arrangements must be left as they were found, upon completion of the event.
6. Kitchen equipment may not be used for events of Non-Profit Groups or Organizations without specific prior permission from the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.
7. User Groups must remove at the conclusion of the event all furniture, apparatus, pamphlets, books, papers, etc., brought into the Church, unless contrary arrangements have been approved in advance.
8. Events of Non-Profit Groups or Organizations must be concluded by 10:30 pm, unless special permission has been granted for longer use.
9. Publicity or advertising by Non-Profit Groups or Organizations must be approved in advance by a Minister and the President of the Board of Trustees.
10. User groups are not permitted to solicit donations or charge a fee except in very special circumstances approved by the board of Trustees.

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Approved by Board of Trustees

Approved by Session

1. In January of each year, the President of the Board of Trustees shall appoint, with the approval of the Board a member of the Church to serve as Audio-Visual Equipment Supervisor (AVES\_)
2. The AVES shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and shall be responsible to the Board.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the AVES to supervise the storage, use and maintenance of the AVE as follows:
  - A. There shall be a designated place for the storage of all equipment and when practicable, it shall be kept under lock and key when not in use.



B. The equipment is designated for on-premise use for Church business. However, special permission will be granted to borrow specified equipment for Church orientated purposes. Such requests must be made of the AVEs, or in his absence, one of the Pastors, who will be responsible for keeping a record of the name of the borrower, item borrowed, dates of exit and return, purpose, condition of equipment when lent, condition of equipment returned, and the name of the person responsible for the equipment and any damages. Such record shall be kept on the inside of the AVE room door in the basement of the Church.

4. The AVEs shall make an annual inventory of AVE of the Church and shall report such inventory to the Board of Trustees annually at the May meeting of the Board, together with any recommendations concerning the equipment and any estimated costs related to such recommendations. A current inventory of equipment shall be at all times posted on the inside of the AVE closet door in the basement of the Church.

5. The Board of Deacons have purchased tape players for their shut-in visitations, and the above regulations are not to be construed as concerning their custody or use, along with any concomitant equipment.

#### POLICY STATEMENT - USE OF BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT

It is the policy of First Presbyterian Church to provide physical facilities for the ongoing work of Christ's Church, for the use of community groups on a limited basis. This policy is adopted in order to set forth in a clear and meaningful way the procedures and regulations which are both desirable and necessary in order to operate and maintain the building and grounds in a prudent manner. The following procedures and regulations shall govern:

1. MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS: A Master Calendar of Events shall be maintained by the Church Secretary on which all events to take place on Church property shall be scheduled in order to avoid conflict in scheduling. These events shall be classified as OFFICIAL EVENTS OF THE CHURCH, SOCIAL EVENTS OF CHURCH MEMBERS, AND EVENTS OF NON-PROFIT GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS.

II. OFFICIAL EVENTS OF THE CHURCH: Official events of the Church, its boards, committees and organizations shall be scheduled on the Master Calendar of Events as early as possible in order to facilitate planning by others. In the event that kitchen or laundry facilities are required, this must also be noted. No permission from the Board of Trustees is required for Official Events of the Church. Observance of the Rules Governing the Use of Premises and Equipment is required.

III. SOCIAL EVENTS OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Church members are welcome to use the Church facilities for social events not connected with Church activity as follows:

1. A request for use of the facilities shall be made in writing by contracting the President, or any member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees prior to any regular meeting of the Board and requesting use of Church property for a specific date, time and purpose.

2. The Secretary of The Board of Trustees shall notify the member of the disposition of the request. If approved, a copy of the Regulations Governing the Use of Premises and Equipment shall be forwarded with the notice of approval.



3. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Secretary of the Trustees shall notify the Church Secretary with instructions to place the event on the Master Calendar of Events.

4. A member of the Church Staff, a Trustee, or any person appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Church must be present at the commencement and completion of any event to assure that the Regulations Governing The Use Of Premises and Equipment are observed, to secure the building, and to regulate lighting and heating as required.

5. All arrangements for the event are the responsibility of the Church member in whose name the event is booked.

6. Church property must be returned to its original condition and any litter which may be created by those using the facilities must be removed by them. Furniture arrangements must be left as they were found, upon completion of the event.

7. The Staff Member if required to be present, shall be compensated by the User Church Member for time spent (minimum \$15,00) in the performance of the above duties.

8. Observance of the Regulations Governing the Use of Premises and Equipment is required. These shall be posted in the Church Office, Dining Room and Kitchen.

IV. EVENTS OF NON-PROFIT GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS: Non-profit groups or organizations, whether they be Church members or not, may use the physical facilities of the Church on the following conditions:

1. The requested event does not conflict with official events of the Church, with events sponsored by Church members, or with the By-laws of the Church.

2. A request in writing must be submitted to the Church Office at the earliest possible date. Such requests shall state the purpose of the event, the name address and phone number of the group, the number of people expected to attend, the date and time, and any special furniture arrangements required to be set up by the custodian.

3. Such requests will be forwarded first to a Minister of the Church for comment and then to the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee for action.

4. When the Board of Trustees has reached a decision, a copy of the written request with a notation of the Trustees action together with a covering letter will be sent by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to the group requesting the use of the Church facilities and to the Minister, Church Secretary, and the Custodian. In the event the request is granted, a copy of the Rules Governing the use of Premises and Equipment will be included with the above to the group making the request. The event will then be scheduled on the Master Calendar of Events by the Church Secretary.

5. A member of the Church staff, a Trustee, or any person appointed by the Board of Trustees must be present at the commencement and completion of the event to assure that the Regulations Governing the use of Premises and Equipment are observed, to secure the building, and to regulate lighting and heating as required.

6. A fee will be established by the Board of Trustees on an individual basis to reasonably compensate the Staff Member for time spent and to compensate the Church for the use of the facility. Notice of fees to be charged shall be included in the covering letter referred to in # 4 above.

7. Observance of the Regulations Governing the Use of Premises and Equipment is required.

SESSION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Geist  
MESSRS: Proctor, Gleason, Gibson, Spillenaar, Goddard, Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell

ABSENT: MESSRS: Cowan, McMahon, Feldhousen, Mrs. Look

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. A reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer was given. Devotions were from Matthew 20. The devotions were concluded with prayer.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that a Treasurer Selection Committee be comprised of one from the Congregation and one member from each board each to be selected by the committee when in place. Carried.

Fred Proctor volunteered for the Session, and the Session approved by voice vote. This Committee will select a Treasurer nominee for the Session's approval. Fred Proctor will convene the first meeting.

Mr. Gleason moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that the Policy page on "Session Committee Structure" be revised as presented and discussed. Carried.

Bill Gibson volunteered to convene the first meeting of an All-Board Retreat Committee. Volunteers will be sought from the other boards as well.

Mrs. Bianca moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, that Bill Gibson be appointed as convener for the All-Boards Retreat Committee. Carried.

COMMITTEES

Stewardship Committee has been formed but needs an elder. Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Spillenaar seconded, the Stewardship Committee meet without an active elder, and report back to Session. Carried.

Youth Education (Peggy Geist)- met 5/5/86. A workshop on Youth Education was attended. A nursery supervisor is also needed. The Committee would like to host on June 22nd a Christian Rock Concert for Youth. The group is Aranova.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concern (Mrs. Andrew) - June 2nd Dinner honoring Ruth Betty Shippee. Fraternal workers from Nepal will be here October 17-30, will be available for PUMA conference.

Personnel Committee (William Gibson)- Met May 8th, 1986-Job descriptions and positions are being reviewed, along with accountabilities. An organizational chart will be issued. Study leave time USED: Doug-March 6-7

APPROVED - Dale Aug. 1-9 New Wilmington  
 Dale Oct. 6-9 Fosdick Conference on Preaching



MISSION (Janet Bianca) - Carl Templin is coming May 30th with International Students. Frontier Fellowship group will begin Sunday October 26th during Dialogue & Fellowship Hour, meeting once a month. New Wilmington Conference August 1-9.

Adult Education (John Goddard)  
Tentative program is place; next time June 3

Evangelism & Nurture (Dennis Gleason)  
Fall date changed to September 28th - Norm Paolini here June 8th Single adults group will attempt to get underway will include other churches.

Membership (Dale O'Connell) Volunteer greeters and ambassadors (callers) needed. A large number of people are on inactive role, this will be reviewed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee will meet soon - consists of Juanita Look (Chairman), Blanche Belin, Peter Ruckh, James Patch, Sally Cowan, Bonnie Hodgins, Moria Proctor, Jan Pasisz, Ralph Kullmann.

Security problems exist. Trustees are pursuing this.

Policy page on Benefits for Pastor and Associate; study leave; "Budget approved" instead of "100 towards" (Please mark your Policy page with this correction)

Mr. Proctor moved this change, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Carried.

Prayer chain calling list is being revised.

Fred Proctor moved to adjourn. Dennis Gleason seconded. Carried. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer at 10:20 p m.

Respectfully submitted

  
John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES

PRESNET: Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Patch, Miss Geist, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Andrew, Miss Fox (Treasurer), Mrs. Glover (Trustees), Mrs. Anderson (Deacons)  
MESSRS: Proctor, Gleason, Cowan, Gibson, Spillenaar, Goddard, Feldhausen, Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell (Moderator)

EXCUSED: Miss Mitchell, Mr. McMahon

ABSENT: Edith Mitchell

On June 1st 102 people took communion.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm. Devotions included a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and from Matthew 17:14-21. Devotions were concluded with prayer.

JOINT BOARDS MEETING - MONDAY JULY 7, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Runals, Miss Geist, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Patch, Miss Fox, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Burr

MESSRS: Gibson, Look, Greene, Feldhousen, Patch, Custers, Ranchil, Burr, Proctor, Petts, Devitt, Cowan, Reverend Dudley and Reverend O'Connell

ECCUSED: Janet Bianca, David McMahon, Balnche Beli, Elizabeth Mitchell, Dennis Gleason

Mrs. Runals called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Reverend O'Connell opened with prayer.

The June Treasurer Report was handed out and discussed. To date, 56.9% of the budget has been received, 49.02% has been spent. Excess to date: \$13,869. For the ast 3 years, about 55% of total receipts were received by June 30th.

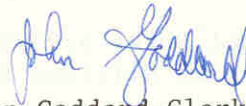
George Custers moved, Peggy Parch seconded, that the Trustees look into the projected overspending of lines 810 and 830. Carried

A discussion on how to save money with the budget was carried out on a line-by-line basis.

George Petts moved that we proceed with the present (approved )budget, Mr. Ranchil seconded. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Reverend Dudley at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - JULY 7, 1986

Time 8:14 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Geist, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader

MESSRS: Goddard, Gibson, Proctor, Cowan

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bianca, Mr McMahon, Mrs. Belin, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Gleason, MR. Spillenaar, Mr. Feldhousen

Time 8:14 p.m.

William Gibson moved that \$54.28 be added to line #792, taken from line 766. Seconded by Mrs. Rader. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard, Clerk of Session



SESSION MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 1986

On July 7, 123 people took communion

PRESENT: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Geist, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Belin, Miss Fox (Treasurer), Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Bianca  
MESSRS: Gibson, Proctor, Goddard, Gleason, Cowan, Look (Trustees), Myers

EXCUSED: David McMahon, Sheila Rader, Reverend Dudley

ABSENT: Fred Feldhousen

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Devotions included a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer, Psalm 16, and devotional readings on prayer.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, the approval of the Session Minutes of June 16, the Joint Boards Meeting of July 7th, the Special Session Meeting of July 7th with the addition of attendance. Carried.

Mr. Cowan, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, the approval of the June Treasurer's report. Carried.

TRUSTEES (Russell Look)

The Trustees are looking for suggestions for maintenance items to be included in the 1987 budget.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mrs. Kullmann seconded, that there be an open meeting September 14th at 11:10 a.m. to answer questions about renovation. Carried.

CLERK OF SESSION

Baptized Keith Samuel Baker 6/29/86 - infant Son of George and Cynthia Baker  
 Andrew Lawrence Williams 6/22/86 - infant son of Larry and Ruth Williams

Jack Cowan moved, Fred Proctor seconded, that we accept with regret Keith Spillenaar's request of June 24, 1986 and he be removed from the Session and the roles of the Church. Carried.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Home communion Served  
 6/20 - 6 served - Roger Crowell  
 7/4 - 4 served - unassisted  
 7/10 - 2 served - unassisted  
 7/16 - 2 served - unassisted

Wedding - October 25th - Wendy Stone and Brent Bowman at 4:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT (Reverend O'Connell)

Wedding: October 25th - Tom Merante & Cheryl Ramage at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL (Bill Gibson & Gary Myers)

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Gleason seconded:

That all paid staff be responsible to and accountable to the Head of Staff., the Pastor:

That by August 1, 1986 the Head of Staff distribute and explain the "Evaluation Responsibilities" recommend by the Personnel Committee July, 1986 all paid staff;

Mr. Gleason moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, the approval of the corrected minutes. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mrs. Rader seconded, the approval of the May Treasurer's report.  
Carried.

Deacons-did not meet

TRUSTEES (Mrs. Glover) - Painting has started. Organ contract has yet to be completed.

CLERK'S REPORT Mrs. Patch moved, Mrs. Proctor seconded, the following transfers:  
Restore Victor and Kathy Ladouceur to full membership, transfer them to Riverside  
Presbyterian Church  
Delete Aubrey Brookins - (deceased 6/13/86)  
Transfer to inactive - Karen Cyphers  
" Judy Cyphers - Carried

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

**Home Communions:**

5/22 - 6 served - Esther Werner assisting  
6/1 - 4 served - Unassisted  
6/6 - 2 served - "  
6/8 - 2 served - "

## Pastor's Report

Mr. Gibson moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that the baptism of Keith Samule Baker on June 29, 1986 be approved. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that the Capital Fund Drive Committee be dissolved. Carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

"Connections" Catalog for Church Leaders (additions for 1986 are available.

The Presbyterian Publishing House also has a catalog of supplies, which catalog is available.

"The Open Letter" also is available for review.

## COMMITTEES

WORSHIP (Norma Kullmann)

Fifty copies of "Daily Bread" will be ordered to see how it is received.

YOUTH EDUCATION (Peggy Geist)

Possibilites: Spaghetti dinner (Sept.)  
Youth newsletter  
Media in Christianity

Linda Glover will become Nursery supervisor.

STEWARDSHIP (Dale O'Connell)

No chairman as yet.



PRESBYTERY & ECUMENICAL CONCERNS (Dorathy Andrew)

Eddie Snyder is now a member of this committee

EVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Feldhousen)

115 attended Norm Paolini concert.

The committee will become involved in the Billy Graham Film "Cry From The Mountain." Counselors are needed. The committee decided not to sponsor the planned 8/17 picnic.

MISSION

Mrs. Bianca moved that Mrs. Rader form a "Rainbow Moms" Task Force, to decide the feasibility and complete the particulars for this mission outreach project so Single Parents in our community. Mr. Gibson seconded. Carried.

By letter Carl Templin expressed his thanks for the hospitality shown to the International Students.

ADULT EDUCATION (Reverend Dudley)

Possible summer program starts June 29th.

MEMBERSHIP (Jack Cowan)

Committee is being solidified. No chairman yet. Inquirers class August 10th.

PERSONNEL (Bill Gibson)

Organizational chart being formed.

TREASURER SELECTION (Fred Proctor)

June 8 - Fred Proctor elected chair

June 15 - Second meeting

Helen Fox is congregational representative, Ken Ranchil from Trustees.

Dorothy Ciesielski is Deacons representative. The committee has begun their search.

Prayers were offered up for this committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Juanita Look)

June 29th meeting tentatively planne.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Fred Proctor moved, Sheial Rader seconded, that the Session direct Neil Bellemore not to pick up people on Sunday mornings with the bus if they do not attend either Church or Sunday School. Carried.

"HE REACHED OUT FIRST"

A brief period of group sharing was conducted on what God has done in our lives the lives the last few days.

Fred Proctor moved to adjourn. Juanita Look seconded. The meeting was closed with pry aer at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

That under the accountability section in each paid staff job description add:  
 Head of Staff responsible for evaluation semi-annual;  
 That the above evaluations be completed by August 15th and February 15th of each year;  
 and  
 That the next evaluation be due February 15, 1987.

Carried.

Mrs. Patch moved that budget item 765 (Paychex Inc.) be increased by \$30. and line item 753 (Blue Cross/Blude Schield) be increased by \$9, both on transfer from line 766 (Audit). Mrs. Belin seconded. Carried.

#### "HE REACHED OUT FIRST"

Excerpts from the modern version of the "The Westminster Confession of Faith" were read by Reverend O'Connell.

#### COMMITTEES (Con'td)

##### Membership (Jack Cowan)

Greeter program began June 22. Inquirers' Class begins Aug. 10th

##### Treasurer Search (Fred Proctor)

Met July 16. Search continues. Prayers needed.

##### Stewardship (Dale O'Connell)

Bruce Andrew will Chair. Ten home meetings are being planned to interpret the financial picture and needs, and to program opportunities and expansion.

##### Nominating (Junaita Look)

Three meetings so far. Suggestions for nominations are being sought. Next meeting on September 3

##### Youth Education (Peggy Geist)

Workers for fellowships and Sunday School teachers are needed.

##### Presbytery and Ecumenical Concerns (Dorothy Andrew)

Mrs. Andrew moved, Mrs. Bianca seconded, that we recommend that the Presbytery of Western New York be extended an invitation to convene here at 1st Presbyterian at its earliest convenience excluding Lent. Mrs. Andrew moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that the Session affirm its opposition to legalized Casino Gambling. Carried.

##### EVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Proctor)

Sing-Along is Friday July 25th. Karios program and Youth dinner is here on September 28th. Guest Sundays will continue.

##### MISSION (Janet Bianca)

Additional members needed. PUMA conference Oct. 17-19

##### WORSHIP (Blanche Belin)

Peg Tompkins is a new member.

Session Committee Meetings for September will be advanced to Aug. 25th.

##### ALL BOARDS RETREAT COMMITTEE (Mr. Gibson)

Yet to meet.

##### Directory of Church People in Business for Themselves

Such a directory is being considered for Church members. Mr. Gibson moved that the Session approve the completion of a directory of businesses and services provided by Church members. Mr. Proctor seconded. Carried.



Mr. Proctor moved we adjourn. Mrs. Bianca seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY AUGUST 18, 1986

On Sunday August 3 129 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Belin, Miss Geist, Mrs. Andrew, Miss Mitchell  
MESSRS: Proctor, Gleason, Feldhousen, Goddard, Bouch, (Deacons) and  
Reverend Dale T. O'Connell

EXCUSED Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bianca, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Cowan, Mrs. Look and Reverend Dudley

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.  
Devotions, led by Reverend O'Connell, included a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Psalm 18, and was concluded with prayer for the Church program.

REPORTS

Mr. Gleason moved, Mr. Feldhousen seconded, the approval of the Session minutes of July 21st as corrected. Carried.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, the acceptance of the July 1986 Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Deacons report was given by Mr. Bouch. A problem with the number and quality of tape ministry was brought up. A question of leasing or buying a Van rather than renting was referred to the Youth education Committee

CLERK'S REPORT

Delete from membership - Kathleen Bonacker - deceased 8/9/86  
Mildred Westerman - deceased 8/12/86

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT (Reverend O'Connell)

A request was made for Committee items for monthly Session Agendas. Miss Mitchell moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, the approval of study leave at Union Seminary, N.Y.C., October 6-9 for Reverend O'Connell. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL (Fred Proctor)

William Chettle retires 8/31/86 after 34 years of service.

Mrs. Patch moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, the receipt of his resignation with regret. Carried.

A retirement party for Bill Chettlebugh will follow the August 31st worship service in the Park

The Postion for Sexton is open and will be advertised in the First Press and elsewhere.

OROF THE DAY - "HE REACHED OUT FIRST"

A time of sharing in pairs.

STEWARDSHIP (Reverend O'Connell)

Some help is needed in carrying out the program, e.g. homes for the 10 regional meetings to explain Stewardship goals.

PRESBYTERIAN AND ECUMENICAL CONCERNS (Dorathy Andrew)

A Young Adult Triennium December 27-Jan. 1 will be held in Atlanta. The Committee wishes to send three to this. Crop Walk October 5th - volunteers need to walk, maintain refreshment stops, provide transportation.

MISSION (Sheila Rader)

New members are Lisa Burmaz and Netty O'Connell. The Committee will sponsor the Mission Program September 7 - October 19 in the Dialogue and Fellowship hour.

EVANGELISM & NURTURE (Fred Feldhousen)

September 28 - Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Next Meeting - September 8

TREASURER SEARCH COMMITTEE (Fred Proctor)

Still searching

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

A question of having some open Session meetings will be addressed in September.

Mr. Proctor moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, that we fer the possibility and avisability of advertising in the Niagara Falls Market Area Yellow Page to the Trustees. Carried.

Committee Plans for 1987 were reiewed.

Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm with sentence prayers and Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



John Goddard-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 1986

On Septmber 6th 230 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. LaDue (Deacon), Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Fox, (Tresurer), Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Custers (Barbara - Guest) MESSRS: Gibson, Gleason, Goddard, PEtts (Trustees), Cowan, Reverend O'Connell, Reverend Dudley  
NEW MEMBERS: Helen Thornton, Laura Chambers, Paul Devitt, Jr.

EXCUSED: Mr. Feldhousen, Miss Geist, Mrs. Bianca, Proctor, McMahon, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell. Devotions included a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer regarding missions in Africa, and from the Supplemental Liturgical Resources #2 on renewal of baptism. Devotions were concluded with prayer.

Prospective new members: Helen Thornton, Laura Chambers and Paul Devitt, Jr. were interviewed.



Mr. Gleason moved, Mrs. Belin seconded, the approval of the above for membership: by Letter of Transfer: Helen Thornton, Profession of Faith: Paul Devitt, Jr. and Profession of Faith & Baptism, Laura Chambers. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, Mrs. Patch seconded, the approval of the August 18th Session Minutes. Carried.

Delta LaDue gave the Deacon's Report. Programs are going smoothly. Longer tapes are needed for some services.

Mr. Petts gave the Trustees report. Renovation is pretty much on schedule.

The sagging balcony problem above the Fireside room was described. Estimated cost to repair via a support column from the basement: \$7,700 (est. from Hibbard Engineering); Estimate for decorative repairs: \$2,300 (Total \$10,000.)

Mr. Cowan moved, Mrs. Andrew seconded that to the approved Renovation Plan be added the necessary support and reconstruction of the balcony above the Fireside room if bids received are less than \$10,000, and this work is to be accomplished within the original \$60,000 budgeted for Renovation. Carried.

The Aesthetics Committee report to the Session for discussion will be 6:00 p.m. on October 20th (prior to Joint Boards meeting).

The August Treasurer's Report was given by Helen Fox. Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mr. Gleason seconded, its approval. Carried.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mr. Gleason seconded that we move \$800 from line 766 and \$500. from line 770 to line 810 (\$300.) and line 830 (1,000.). Carried.

Clerk's Report - John Goddard

Mrs. Look moved, Mrs. Belin seconded: David & Helen Woodley have requested Christian Baptism for their children - Dave (age 2) and Megan (age 2 months) for Sunday Nov. 23rd. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cantara transferred to Lewiston Presbyterian Church. Helene Barter to delted - deceased 8/20/86. Carried.

Associate Pastor's Report - Doug Dudley

Home communion - was served to Earle and Ethel Dixon and Florence Chaddock on September 6th.

Pastor's Report - Dale O'Connell

Officer Training: November 1st (Sat.) at First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda

#### COMMITTEES

Membership - (Jack Cowan)

"Ambassadors" are the focus of the committee at present. They will meet Thursday night to visit members and friends of the Church.

Mission (Sheila Rader)

Mission budget goal is 10% of total budget. PUMA Dinner is Friday October 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Evangelism & Nurture (Dennis Gleason)

September 28th - Kairos speakers after the spaghetti dinner.

Worship (Norman Kullmann)

Served 230 Communion os September 6th

Stewardship (Dale O'Connell)

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October 10th - Host/Hostesses dinner. Telephone call helpers are needed to remind people of pledging schedule.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concern (Dorothy Andrew)

Presbytery meeting will be September 16th in Jamestown. Vacation Bible School for next summer is a possibility, joint with other Churches.

Personnel (Bill Gibson)

Will meet this week to review resumes for position of sexton.

Youth Education (Dale O'Connell)

The committee suggests the appointing of a special committee to research and make recommendation to Session about obtaining a van/bus for church use. a committee will be formed in January 1987 to look into this matter.

Budget and Finance (Dale O'Connell)

Will meet October 7th and October 13th, Joint Boards, October 20th. Annual Meeting, Saturday November 1, 6:00 p.m. (Dinner meeting)

Committees reported on their proposed 1987 budgets.

Mrs. Kullmann moved, Mrs. Look seconded that we adjourn. Reverend Dudley closed with prayer. Time 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard, Clerk of Session

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 1986

PRESENT: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Patch  
MESSRS: McMahon, Proctor, Gibson, Goddard, Feldhousen, Reverend  
O'Connell called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. with prayer.

Fred Proctor, for the Treasurer Selecting Committee, moved that Ralph Kullmann and James Patch act as interim co-treasurers for a period of not less than six months and not more than one year, effective immediately. Dorothy Andrew seconded. Carried.

By motion of Fred Feldhousen, seconded by Fred Proctor, Helen Fox is given the heartfelt thanks of the Session for her faithful service as Treasurer. Carried.

Miss Mitchell moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that we adjourn. Carried. Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### JOINT BOARDS MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Runals, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Patch, Miss Geist, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Andrew: MESSRS: Patch (Treasurer), Gleason, Custers, Look, Gibson, Devitt, Goddard, Ranchil, Petts, Feldhousen, Kullmann (Treasurer), Hodgins, Reverend Dudley and Reverend O'Connell



The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mrs. Runals. Reverend Dudley opened with prayer.

Mrs. Runals explained the process for developing the 1987 budget.

Recommendations in a nutshell:

Pledges to be increased by over 8%

Add to receipts income from CMI for use of Reverend Dudley (1/6 of his Salary package).

Then an 8% deficit budget could be recommended, including a salary freeze.

Mrs. Runals recommends that Session appoint 1 year committee to look at priorities rather than automatically continuing the budget process as it stands now.

The total is \$177,772 for 1987 budget - this is a deficit of \$14,445 (including CMI contribution) or \$19,822 (without CMI contribution).

Mr. Ranchil moved, Mr. Look seconded, that the proposed deficit budget be adopted (which includes approaching CMI for 1/6 of Reverend Dudley's time). Carried.

Mr. Devitt moved, Mr. Ranchil seconded, the prior recommendation of Mrs. Runals about the formation of a Session Committee to set financial priorities for the Church. Carried.

Mr. Feldhousen moved, Mr. Look seconded, that if CMI will not fund the Associate Pastor to 1/6 of his salary package, that the deficit budget be approved to extend of \$19,822 deficit. Carried.

Mr. Devitt moved we adjourn. Mrs. Rader seconded. Carried. Time 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 1986

On November 9 158 people took Communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Rader, Miss Geist, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Kullmann, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Felsted (Deacons) MESSRS: McMahon, Feldhousen, Proctor, Gibson, Kullmann (Treasurer) Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Mr. Gleason, Mr. Cowan, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Goddard-Clerk of Session

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and opened with reading from the Mission Prayer Yearbook.

Peggy Patch led the worship by sharing her thoughts on how we often insist on our own way with God, and how often we may bring that attitude into our committee work. She asked the Session to prayer for the next 30 days that the Lord would specifically touch our Pastors in a special way with His Holy Spirit.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the two October 20th meetings (Joint Coards and Regular) was made by William Gibson and seconded by Norma Kullmann. Carried. The Minutes of November 1st Annual Meeting were also reviewed.

Treasurer's Report (Ralph Kullmann) Problems with some late payments and restricted cash flow were reported. Need for new counting teams to count receipts on Sunday mornings was raised. Three teams are needed to be in place by Jan 1st.

Fred Proctor moved and Bill Gibson seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Trustees report (Reverend O'Connell reported) Narcotics Anonymous group meeting at Church on Saturday nights and is doing very well. Construction work on Church's choir of America. Host families needed of night of the 16th.

Deacons (Bonnie Felstead) - Tape ministry temporarily interrupted due to break down in tape duplicating machine. Cost of bying our own is being looked into. Outreach workshops for November were cancelled. Card ministry is doing well and means a lot to shut-ins and ill; reminders to be put in bulletin as well as more publicity for Memorial Bibles. Coffee chart has been put up in small kitchen off of Fireside Room.

Clerk's Report as per agenda - Evelyn Tutt - Deceased 10/17/86 and Jack Tompkins- Deceased 10/27/86 Deleted from rolls. G10.0302 b (8)

Mark and Cindy Mullins transferred to Kotohira Kirisuto Kyokai U.C.C. in Japan. G 10.0302 b(3)

Fred Smith resotred to active membership.

Motion made by Peggy Patch and seconded by Fred Proctor to enter these roll changes. Carried. Dale will send a special letter of transfer from our Church to Kotohira Church in Japan on behalf of Mary and Cindy Mullins to emphasise our special relationship and connections with them.

Motion made by William Gibson and seconded by Sheila Rader to seek to establish a sisiter church relationship with the Kotohira Kirisuto Kyokai Church for a two year period. Carried.

1986 Membership Activity: Added 3 adult baptims, 5 restorations, 6 transfers including the above actions. 7 professions: Lost 10-deaths, 12 removals, 8 transfers out.

Bill Gibson moved and Blanche Belin seconded approval for baptism of Children of James and Becck Clark and Telisha Power on date to be set by Reverend O'Connell and the children parents. Carried.

Dorathy Andrew moved, Fred Proctor seconded, that the Session direct the Clerk of Sessionand the President of the Trustees to propose any changes necessary in the By-Laws to the boards for their recommendation to the congregation at the February meeting.

Associate Pastor's (Reverend Dudley) Parking on Rainbow Blvd. will be allowed on Sundays, we well as free parking on the Rainbow Centre Ramp. Doug reported on his 4 on Nov. 2nd and 3 on Nov. 3rd (Dorathy Andrew assisted). A team of traffic directors will be organized to help people find parking spaces once the back parking lot is fenced a Bible Study for the WOC once a month before the Rainbow Club begins.

Pastors Report (Reverend O'Connell) Dale reported on correspondence with C.M.I. on resuming Reverend Dudley's relationship with them, C.M.I. will take up the matter at its 11/18/86 meeting. Reverend O'Connell also expressed his hope for a brighter future for the youth of the church. The Youth Repreat at the "Y" went very well. Committees were reminded to turn in report forms for Session agenda, as well as completing calendars for 1987 programs. New officer training will begin soon. Dale related several favorable comments on format for funeral services. Youth group will take responsibility for setting up Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall. Creche will be set up outside.



CORRESPONDENCE (Reverend O'Connell) Resource Center representative will be in Niagara Falls on November 19th. Looking into interpretation of article in Layman alerting its readers to the possible abolishment of office of elder.

HE REACHED OUT FIRST Session members shared answers to prayer in their lives and its meaning. Session concluded that prayer does work and is answered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

YOUTH EDUCATION - Peggy Geist

Video made by Youth Fellowship to be shown on December 13. New camping policies to be written up. Little church sometimes not attending for Children's Lesson because it sometimes interrupts their lesson plan. Other options will be discussed. Because of the time factor involved and to give Sunday School personnel time to fellowship. Fred Proctor moved and Norma Kullmann seconded that from the next Sunday possible until the 1st of next year the Sunday school- Dialogue & Fellowship Hour be moved back to begin at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pending Neil Bellemore, the bus driver's approval, carried.

Treasurer Search (Fred Proctor) - Meeting to be set with Ralph Kullmann and James Patch before next meeting of the Search committee.

All Boards Retreat (Bill Gibson) - Met 11/13/86. Date for All-Boards Retreat will be January 16th & 17th, 1987 at the Beacon Motel in Canada. the theme: "Be Ye Doers of the Word and Not Hearers Only." Speaker not yet finalized. Next Meeting December 8th.

Membership (Jack Cowan) Ambassadors group of four meeting and making calls.

Evangelism and Nurture (Fred Feldhausen) - Pot luck supper December 13th, Lenten prayerbook planned. Counselors sought to be available for anyone interested after services. Caroling December 21 for Bible Study Fellowships.

Mission (Janet Bianca) - PUMA meeting Friday November 21st. Rainbow Moms meeting Mark McMillins reported on the activities in Japan.

Stewardship (Reverend O'Connell) More pledges coming in.

Presbyterian and Ecumenical Concerns (Dorothy Andrew) - Working on developing an Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Personnel (Bill Gibson) Charles Livingston has been hired as the new Church Sexton.

Old Business - still responsible for working out loan repayment plan for funds transferred to 304A Recommendation to form a special committee to study the purchase or rental of a church van. Single adults ministry needs leadership and coordination.

New Business Special committee needed to look into setting church priorities for Mission and Ministry.

Motion to adjourn made by Norma Kullmann, seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried unanimously.

Meeting closed with prayer by Reverend O'Connell at 11:34

Respectfully submitted,

David McMahon-Secretary pro-temp

ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1986

A quorum (50+ was present).

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting ro order at 7:15 p.m. Devotions by Reverend O'Connell were from Genesis 18.

Juanita Look, Nominating Committee Chairman, put the following names in nomination for Elder for class of 1989 (3-year term)

Neil Bellemore, Roger Crowell, Carol Dashineau, Martion Hodgins and for class of 1987 (1-year term) - Paul Wilson  
John Runals moved, Dennis Gleason seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees. Carried.

Juanita Look put the following names in nomination for Deacons for class of 1989:  
Mary Jane Boss, Moira Proctor, Eddie Snyder, Julie Taylor

Ken Ranchil moved, Bill Ginson seconded, that the nominations be closed and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees. Carried.

It was agreed to cast lots for the remaining Session members fromthe class of 1986, to serve until their successors are found. Winners were:

Fred Feldhousen, Edith Mitchell

The CorporateMeeting was begun at 7:42 p.m. with Mrs. Runals presiding. A review of Trustees activities for the year waspresented.

Juanita Look put the following names in nomination for Trustees,class of 1989:  
Ralph Kullmann, John Miller,Helen Thornton

Carol Dashineau moved, Paul Wilson seconded, that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees. Carried.

Lots were cast to fill the remaining Trustee vacancies with members of the class of 1986, to serve until the vacancies are filled by election. The winners were:

Paul Devitt, James Patch

Bill Gibson moved, Ken Ranchil seconded, that we adjourn the Corporate Meeting. Carried.

The Congregational Meeting was reconvened. Reverend O'Connell shared his visions for the future of our Church, which included:  
Prayer and Healing Service, Spiritual Counseling after the Sunday Service by Lay people, Opportunities for Lay Leadership (Preaching, Teaching), Regular (weekly visitations),More people at church throught the day as helpers, Opening Sanctuary doors to public during the day as an outreach approach.

The meeting was suspended at 8:20 p.m. Reconvened at 8L28 p.m.

Copes of the 1987 Proposed Budget were passed out and discussed. Total anticipate receipts including CMI portion for Associate Pastor: \$163,327. Budgeted expenses \$177,772. Deficit \$14,445.

The Corporate meeting was resumed with theAudiotr's Report by Marilyn Royer, of the CPA firm Rader and Royer. The report concluded that the Churches finances have been well handled.



The Congregational meeting was reconvened by Reverend O'Connell in order to address the proposed budget.

Mr. Crowell moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that the proposed budget (including the changes in the Pastoral Calls) be adopted.

Nominations for the 1987 Nominating committee Congregational Representatives:

Bill Gibson, Loren Skinner, Carolyn Goddard, Norma Kullmann, Fred Igou

Mr. Look moved, Dorothy Ciesielski seconded that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved Mr. Wilson seconded that reading of the minutes of this meeting be suspended. Carried.

Mr. Runals moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, that we adjourn. Carried. Reverend Dudley closed in prayer at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 1986

On Dec. 7th, 1986 192 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Kullmann, Miss Geist, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Anderson (Deacons), Mrs. Andrew (8:12 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Bianca, Miss Mitchell, Mr. McMahon

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Devotions included readings from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer, Isaiah 7:10-17, and from the Guide to Prayer. Devotions closed with prayer.

Mr. Gleason moved, Mr. Proctor seconded, the approval of minutes as corrected, Carried

Mr. Kullmann gave the Treasurer's Report for November. Mr. Proctor moved, Mrs. Look seconded, the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Mrs. Anderson gave the Deacons Report.

The Trustees Report was discussed.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Recommendations for changes in the By-Laws are to be made to the January session.

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR (Reverend Dudley)

Parking Mon-Wed-Thurs. Evenings permitted 7:30-10:30 p.m. on East side of Rainbow Blvd., North

Three home communions given.

CMI is interested in using Reverend Dudley as Agency Chaplain again. Meetings are under way between CMI and Reverend Dudley to clarify the position.

Reverend Dudley is heading an Ecumenical team to open and close the weekday broadcast at Channel 7. The team will be from Niagara Falls, and operate two months during 1987.

PASTOR'S REPORT (Reverend O'Connell)

Officers training - Mon. Jan 5th 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Vacation: December 27-31

Sunday School Hour will continue at 11:15 - 12:15

CORRESPONDENCE

General Assembly Minutes - available for perusal.

"HE REACHED OUR FIRST"

Fred Proctor explained his first association with First Pres. and the work Christ has done in his life subsequent to that time.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Planning ideas were discussed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship (Norma Kullmann)

192 Received Communion on December 7th

Requests have been made for Laying on of Hands after the Sunday Service. The committee is working on a format - i.e. regular, or by request only.

Mrs. Kullmann moved that a Service on Laying on of Hands be available for anyone who requests it. Mrs. Belin seconded. Carried.

Ordination and Installation January 11, 1987.

Membership (Jack Cowan)

Inquirers Class begins Jan. 11th

Ambassadors (4) have begun visitation

Nominating (Juanita Look)

Will meet Wednesday December 17

Evangelism & Nurture (Fred Feldhousen)

Counselor training is being planned.

Presbytery and Ecumenical Concerns (Dorothy Andrew)

Vacation Bible School - meetings underway for planning and curriculum development for ecumenical downtown VBS at 1st Baptist Church, July development for ecumenical downtown VBS at 1st Baptist Church, July.

Mission (Sheila Rader)

Christmas cards for missionaries to be signed Sunday Dec. 21st and mailed immediately.

Adult Education (John Goddard)

Anthony DeBiase would like to teach a class on Christian Self-Esteem in February - April 1987. More later

All-Boards Retreat (Bill Gibson)

Bill Gibson moved that we spend \$200 to the Beacon Motor Inn to hold rooms for the Retreat - Money to be taken from Special Gift fund. Fred Proctor Seconded, Carried.



Fred Proctor moved we adjourn. Edith Mitchell seconded. Carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer 11:18 p.m.

**APPROVED**

The Presbytery of Western New York

*Rahul E. Mohi*  
Date 4/26/88 Moderator *STAN CUREK*

Respectfully submitted,,

John Goddard-Clerk of Session

JANUARY MEETING WEDNESDAY JAN 21st, 1987

On Jan. 4 182 people took Communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Dashineay, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Miss Geist

MESSRS: Bellemore, Crowell, hodgins, gleason, Wilson, Reverend O'Connell, Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Edith Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. cowan, Mr. Proctor

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Devotions from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Global Prayer Digest and the Songbook Sing.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Dashineau be elected Clerk of Session. Carried.

Miss Geist moved and Mr. Gleason seconded the approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 1986 meeting as written. Carried.

Mr. Patch gave the Treasurers Report and a recap of giving and earnings. Mr. Gleason moved and Mr. Crowell seconded to accept with appreciation. Carried.

TRUSTEES

No report as Trustees met only to organize

President - Kenneth Ranchil

Vice-President - Ralph Kullmann

Secretary - Peter Dooley

DEACONS

No report, however, Reverend Dudley conveyed the need for live-in help for Mr. & Mrs. Morre' - Helen Fox is the contact person

CLERK'S REPORT

Mrs. Bianca moved and Mrs. Belin seconded to

1. Delete from roll Mary Abell, deceased on Jan. 6th, 1987 G-10.0302 b (8)
2. Transfer to inactive, Lillian DeCost & William Chettleburgh, Ruth Tarczynski G-0302 (3)
3. Transfer membership for Fred & Doris Gray to Tinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Fla. Carried.
4. For information - baptism Jan. 4th, 1987 Quishandra Powell, daughter of Telisha Powell.

The number communing January 4, 1987 was 182.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

1. CMI - Chaplaincy now in negotiation stage.
2. Visitation - Evangelism - A workshop at First Presbyterian on approaches for neighborhood visitation - March 1, 1987 - 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Open to all
3. Classes on Self-Esteem - Anthony DiBiase teaching begins on Tuesday Feb. 10 for 9 weeks - Open to all
4. 2 home communions served.

PASTOR

1. New Members - Special Session Meeting - Sunday February 8th at 11:45 am in Library to receive new members at the conclusion of the Inquirers Class
2. Lenten Lunches - begin on Thursday March 5 under leadership of Janet Bianca and Ellen Anderson
3. The Party - an Evangelism Event - the goal is as many in church on Pentecost as on Easter. A joint effort by area churches. Input to Dale.
4. Parking - Communicating with City Mission Manager negotiations preceeding thru channels for access to Hilton Ramp (#1) and possible permits.
5. Retreat and Organizational Meeting Evaluation: Good!
6. Aesthetics Committee Plan still with Trustees
7. Scottish Event - Jan. 1988 a weekend in conjunction with others in downtown initial thinking on this - Input to Dale.
8. Correspondence -
  - a. \$125 million Campaign for Mission and New Church Development (1988-92) combined effort of Synods and Presbyteries - we will be asked to help - later.
  - b. Presbytery voted to buy the building they occupy at 2540 Main Street, Buffalo - They are looking for financial help.
  - c. March 3-5 the National Association of Evangelicals will meet in Buffalo Edwin Meese to be keynote speaker
  - d. New Wilmington Conference information is available
  - e. Special Presbytery Meeting - January 30, 1987 - 4:30 p.m. to dissolve 3 pastoral relationships.
  - f. Alcoholism council of Niagara County Poster Contest information is available
  - g. Niagara Council of Churches requested special help- financial assistance
  - h. note of the thanks received - Delta LaDue

ORDER OF THE DAY: Reverend Dudley reviewed the Workethic Cycle and the Cycle of Grace discussed at the retreat.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Assistants - Mrs. Rader moved and Mr. Bellemore seconded the appointments of the Pastoral Assistants for 1987. (Roger Crowell, Paul Wilson, Peggy Patch, Helen Bobst, and Esther Werner) Carried.
2. Committee Assignments - after prayerful consideration and discussion, Mrs. Rader moved and Mr. Bellemore seconded the approval of the assignments. Carried.
3. By-Law Changes - as submitted by Mr. Goddard. 17 were discussed with one correction to be made to #3 Mr. Crowell moved and Mrs. Rader seconded the approval of the following changes to be submitted to the Congregation on February 15th at the meeting (Changes recommended to congregation in minutes of SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING February 15th, 1987.)
4. Special Annual Meeting - Mrs. Rader moved and Mr. Crowell seconded the motion to call a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday Feb. 15, 1987 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purposes
  - a. conduct business as provided in the by-laws.
  - b. to elect new officers - 2 Elders, 1 Deacon - 2 Trustees
  - c. to amend the By-Laws (17 changes)



5. 1987 Calendar - Committees needing specific dates - let Dale knowASSP.

COMMITTEES: no reports but a reminder to use proper forms for reports and to let Jan Pasisz know in writing who can sign for what budget line.

A reminder -prayers are needed for the Lenten Prayer Book.

Adjourn - moved by Mrs.Patch and seconded by Mr. Crowell at 11:03 p.m.  
Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Belin,Mrs.Patch, Mrs. Look, Mrs.Rader,Mrs.Andrew, Mrs.Dashineau  
MESSRS: Crowell, Proctor,Wilson

ABSENT: Edith Mitchell, Janet Bianca, Peggy Geist, MESSRS: Dennis Gleason

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving into membership the following:

LETTEROF TRANSFER

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic DeFazion (Virginia)- from St.Mary's Pres. Church - VanNuys, Calif.  
Mr. Timothy Sylvester - North Pres. Church - No. Ton.,N.Y.  
MR. Edward D'Anna - from First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks, ND

PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Jamie Chambers

Motion made by Paul Wilson and seconded by Fred Proctor to accept the above into membership at First Presbyterian Church

Adjourned at 12:35 p.m. with motion made by Fred Proctor and seconded by Blanche Belin.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING February 15, 1987

The Special Annual Reports Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York was called to order at 11:20am February 15, 1987 by Reverend O'Connell. A quorum was present.

The opening prayer was led by Dale O'Connell.

Motion to accept the Clerks report was made by William Gibson and seconded by Kenneth Ranchil.

Report of Deacons presented by Reverend Dudley - page 37 of Annual Report. Motion to accept made by Kenneth Ranchil and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

The Corporation Meeting was conducted by Kenneth Ranchil, President of Trustees - pages 38-40.

President Kenneth Ranchil made correction to Investment Report - page 43. The amount transferred from Capital to the Building program was \$50,200.

NOMINATIONS:

Juanita Look presented for the Nominations Committee, the report for the Trustees vacancy,

Roger Crowell moved and Peter Dooley seconded the motion to set aside the By-Laws V 9 Par 3 lines 7-9 and elect Paul Devitt to complete the term in the class of 1988. Carried.

James Patch will continue to serve until a replacement is found.

Fred Proctor moved and Melvin Dashineau seconded to accept the Corporation Reports from the President, Treasurer, Investment Committee and Audit. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell presented the Pastors Report.

\$76,041.00 was final pledge report with 156 pledges.

Motion made by George Petts and seconded by Norma Kullmann to accept Pastor's Report.

Junaita Look presented the Nominating committee Report as follows

Peggy Tomkins and Dominic DeFazio - Class of 1989-Elders

Marcia O'Connell - Class of 1988 - elder

Bonnie Hodgins - Deacons - Class of 1989

Additional nominations were called for.

Russell Look and Fred Proctor moved nominations be closed and unanimous vote cast Carried.

The Recommended By-Law changes were approved on.

Change #1 moved by Bill Gibson and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Preamble: Change date to February 15, 1987, if By-Laws are amended.



Change #2 moved by Ken Ranchil and seconded by Paul Devitt. Carried.

Article II, Section 6 b lines 1-4; There shall be a Clerk who is an officer of the Session.. The Clerk shall be an Elder but need not be a member of the Session. The Clerk shall be elcted annually by the Session and shall not serve more than five consecutive terms.

(This fits current Session policy more precisely).

Change #3 moved by George Petts and seconded by Paul Devitt. Carried.

Article II, Section 6 c. line 2: Treasurer, elected annually by the Sessio, or sooner if a vacancy occurs. The Treasurer may not serve more than five consecutive terms of one year each.

(This fits currect Session policy more precisely.)

Change #4 moved by Edward VanValkinburgh and seconded by Melvin Dashineau. Carried.

Article II, Section 10A, lines 6-8 change sentence to: No Session member shall serve on the same Session Committee more than five consecutive year in any capacity or continue on the committee on which they were serving at their Session term. Anyone so serving shall not be eligible for reappointment un one year shall have elapsed.

Delete "selected as directed by theSession"

(This gives more continuity to many Committee jobs, e.g. Sunday School secretary and others, fits more with current practive, and agrees better with Session policy regarding elected officers.)

Change #5 moved by Kenneth Ranchil and seconded by Paul Devitt. Carried

Article II, Section 10b, line 2: Add President of the Board of Trustees.

Change #6 moved by Paul Devitt and seconded by George Petts. Carried.

Article II, Section 10b, line 2: Deltete the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Change #7 moved by Junaita Look and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Article IV, Section 5b, Paragraph 1, line 6, after "review": Insert The Treasurer is elected annually by the Session.

(For continuity)

Change #8 moved by Norma Kullmann and seconded by Edith Mitchell.

Article IV, Section 5b Paragraph 2, line 5: - Annual Report of the financial affairs of the Church --

Change #9 moved by Paul Devitt and seconded by ginny DeFazio. Carried.

Article IV, Section 8: Change the seconded sentence to ready However, the officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the previous year, each year, with the incoming class of Trustees and the two holdover classes of Trustees only eligible to vote for officers and be elected as officers. The retiring class of officers shall not vote on this question. Those so elected shall as immediately following the Installation Service in January.

(This is to permit the new officers to plan responsibly for the organizational meeting the following month).

Change #10 (a) moved by Roger Crowell and seconded by William Gibson

(b) moved by George Petts and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Article IV, Section 9 a: Delete whole paragraph and replace with (b) Insurance Committee: This committee shall be composed of two or more of Trustees the status of existing insurance coverage of liability, workmen's compensation and property, along with justification for the limits of coverage and cost of the premiums on an ongoing basis. It shall prudently anticipate the renewal dates, so as to recommend to the Board of Trustees any changes in coverage and insuring company.



Change #11 moved by Paul Devitt and seconded by William Gibson. Carried.

Article V. Section 4, lines 2-3 -- in case of absence of Pastor, the Pastor or Session may invite some other minister--

Change #12 was moved by Norma Kullmann and seconded by Edith Mitchell. Carried.  
Article V. Section 7 g. and Article V. Section 8, line 3:....six members elected by the Congregation--

(Safeguard against possible dropouts between time of election of Committee members and time of service of the Committee).

Change #13 moved by Peggy Patch and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Article V. Section 11 (new): Add Installation of the Elders and Deacons will be Sunday before the first Monday in January, unless the Session selects another date not too remote in time from this.

(Get those officers installed as soon as possible.)

Change #14 moved by William Gibson and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Article VI, Section 5: The seconded sentence should be cange to: In his absence, the Congregation shall select its own clerk.

(For continuity - compare Section V,Article 5)

Change #15 moved by Paul Devitt and seconded by Melvin Dashineau. Carried.

Article VI, Section 10 (new): Add Installation of the Trustees will be on the Sunday before the first Monday in January, unless the Session selects another

(The corporate meeting counterpart to proposed Article V-11)

Change #16 and #17 - moved on one motion by Fred Proctor and seconded by George Petts.

Article VII Does not exist. Moved Article Viii toArticle Vii.

Article IX TO Article VIII.

Adjourn moved by Neil Bellemore and seconded by Norma Kullmann at 12:15 p.m.  
Carried.

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES Monday February 16, 1987

On February 1 45 people took communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Marcia O'Connell, Mrs. Peggy Tompkins, Mrs. Juanita Look, Ms. Peggy Geist, Mrs. Peggy Patch, Mrs. Sheila Rader, Mr. Neil Bellemore, Mr. Dominic DeFazio, Mr. Martin Hodgins, Mr. John Cowan, Mr. Paul Wilson, Mr. Fred Proctor, Mr. Roger Crowell, Reverend Douglas Dudley, Mr. James Patch-Treasurer

EXCUSED: Ms. Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Carol Dashineay, Mrs. Janet Bianca, Mrs. Dorothy Andrew and Mr. Dennis Gleason

Reverend O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led Worship using the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and selected Scriptures.

The minutes of the Session meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 1987 as corrected with Fred and Doris Gray as Affiliate members (not transferred) of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater, Florida (reference: Book of Order:G-5.0204, G10.0302a (2) G010.0302 a (4) and the minutes of the Special Session meeting of February 8, 1987 were moted to accept by Mr. Paul Wilson and seconded by Mr. Proctor. Carried.

The Treasruer's report was given by Mr. James Patch. Moved to accept by Mr. Paul Wilson and seconded by Mr. Fred Proctor. Carried.



TRUSTEES

Mr. James Patch reported for Trustees

DEACONS:

Reverend Douglas Dudley reported for the Deacons:

The Deacon shut-in list is being reorganized and assignments being made.

The tape ministry revitalized: First Church now has its own tape duplicator.

The Get Well/Miss You card ministry successfully being carried on.

Mrs. Jane Spillenaar appointed Moderator of Deacons.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Reverend Dale O'Connell reported the receipt of a letter of resignation received from Mrs. Blanche Belin. Because of a suddenly occurring health problem plus the pressure of her duties at City Hall, Blanche regrefully finds it necessary to resign from the Session. Motion to accept made by Mrs. Peggy Patch and seconded by Mr. Fred Proctor along with a card expressing the care and concern of the whole Session. Carried.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Acknowledgement of new Session members: Mrs. Marcia O'Connell, Mrs. Peggy Tompkins and Mr. Dominic DeFazio. Also Mrs. Bonnie Hodgins on Deacons and Mr. Paul Devitt on Trustees.

Moved to delete by Mr. Paul Wilson and seconded by Mr. Neil Bellemore from Roll members who died September, 1987 and not reported to the Session:

Marqurite Kirk 9/16/87- Evelyn Sanderson 9/17/87 and Beatrice Hall 9/24/87

Moved to transfer by Mrs. Peggy Patch and seconded by Mr. Paul Wilson - To inactive Roll: Elizabeth Mohr - moved, and Mr. & Mrs. David and Robin McMahon by own request To Other Churches: Mr. & Mrs. James Alexander (Debbie) to Niagara Frontier Bible Church

Mrs. Rhoda Meter to Lewiston Presbyterian Church

Moved by Mr. Paul Wilson and seconded by Mr. Fred Proctor to restore to Active Roll from Inactive: Nancy Kolodziej

Moved by Mrs. Peggy Patch and seconded by Mr. Paul Wilson request for Baptism by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Baird of their son on March 15, 1987.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Reverend Douglas Dudley reported:

Call to preach at riverside Presbyterian Church on March 1, 1987

The home communion service for "shut-ins" going well. Four in 1987 so far plus eighteen last few months of 1986.

Pastor Dudley now working part-time as Chaplain at the Community Missions (CMI).

Working eight hours a week at CMI.

Neighborhood Visitation Seminar will be held at First Church at 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 1987.

Reverend Dale O'Connell, Senior Pastor reported.

Lenten Lunches are set. Pastor Dale to attend the Koinonia Weekend of March 6-8 as a candidate. The parking situation: The Hilton Ramp parking is available free to members of the Church during Sunday services.

Committee appointments: Mrs. Marcia O'Connell is Adult Education  
Mrs. Peggy Tompkins to the Worship Committee  
Mr. Dominic DeFazio to Evangelism & Nurture  
Mr. Fred Proctor Chair of Worship

Pastor Dale will be on vacation April 20-27, 1987.

New Policy Books to new members ASAP due to out of binders

#### SPIRITUAL WORSHIP:

Elder Neil Bellemore responded to "Be Ye Doers of the Word, and not Hearers only" by reading John 15:9 and 12 and I Corinthians 13.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Education: Mrs. Peggy Geist, Chair  
-Need volunteers for Nursery and Little Church  
-Camping policy being worked on.

Personnel - Mr. Fred Proctor, Chair  
-Mr. Charles Livingston placed on permanent basis as Church Sexton.  
-Community Missions contract signed by First Church re: Pastor Dudley's part-time service as Chaplain 34 hour - 5 months \$5,400.00 per year.  
-On-going review of Job Descriptions being conducted.  
-Recommend to Trustees \$25.00 Min. custodial honorarium.

Stewardship - Mr. Marty Hodgins, Chair  
-One Great Hour of Sharing: Goal this year \$1,000.00  
Moved to receive OGHs offerings on April 5, 12th and 19th, 1987 and to set goal at \$1,000. by Mr. Paul Wilson and seconded Marty Hodgins.

Note: As of February 9th, 1987 only 156 pledges for 1987 received for a total of \$76,041.00.

Worship - Mr. Fred Proctor, Chair  
-Tape music before Sunday Services not accepted by Worship Committee  
-Request received from Mr. Peter Dooley for a Minute for Mission spot for the Gideon Bible Association during a Sunday Service in the near future.  
-Ash Wednesday Communion Services by the Niagara Council of Churches to be celebrated at First Church on March 4, 1987.  
-Maundy Thursday Communion April 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at First Church.  
-The Worship Committee making arrangements for Palm Sunday and Easter Re: Church decorations.  
-Greeters & Ushers to meet regularly four (4) times a year: March 30, June 29th, August 31 and November 30.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns Mrs. Dorathy Andrew, Chair  
-Committee met 2nd os Feb., 1987 and made plans for Vacation Bible School summer week of 1987 in cooperation with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church and St. Paul's Methodist Church to join the group.  
-Presbytery meeting Tuesday, February 17th at First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo.  
-Moved to elect Dorathy Andrew and Roger Crowell as Regular Delegates to Presbytery for 1987.  
Also, to elect Russell Look and Eddie Snyder to Regular Delegates to the Niagara Council of Churches for 1987 by Roger Crowell and seconded by Fred Proctor. Carried.

Evangelism & Nurture - Dennis Gleason - Chair  
Prayer Book being published.

Mission Committee - Neil Bellemore, Chair  
-February 22nd is Mission Sunday  
-Bonnie Dahl a Buffalo Nurse who spent October and November as Medical Missionary for Mission and the Children's Service and will also speak in the Dialogue & Fellowship Hour Class



- March 21st, 1987 is Presbytery Day. Saturday Work Shops in east Aurora.
- October 16,17 and 18 PUMA Weekend.

Adult Education Mrs. Juanita Look, Chair

- On-going Self-Esteem Seminar Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at First Church.

Treasurers Search Mr. Fred Proctor

- Nothing as of yet.

Membership - Mr. Jack Cowan, Chair

- Mention of Greeter's meetings four times a year
- Need more ushers

Nominations Mrs. Juanita Look, Chair

- Getting more and more difficult to get Church members to serve as Board members
- Committee will meet 4 times a year.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Planning.Funding Teams-need volunteers to determine goals of the Session
- Long Range Goals-need to have Session determine its goals for 1987 and determine priorities
- The Rainbow Moms are getting money from the Presbytery to help fund their program.

Fred Proctor distributed the Coffee Server's Charts to all members of the Session. Please see the chart posted on the wall of the Little Kitchen to check on your date to serve.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Jack Cowan. Seconded by Mr. Neil Bellemore. Carried.  
adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

P.S. Hereinafter the Session starting time will be 7:00 p.m. due to the early closing of the Rainbow Mall in the evenings.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Crowell Secretary-Pro Temp.

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 1987

On March 139 people took communion

PRESENT: Dorathy Andrew, Janet Bianca, Carol Dashineau, Peggy Geist, Juanita Look, Peggy Patch, Sheila Rader, Marcial O'Connell, MESSRS: Roger Crowell, Dominica DeFazio, Neil Bellemore, Martin Hodgins, Dennis Gleason, Paul Wilson, Fred Proctor Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Douglas Dudley

Excused: Elizabeth Mitchell, Jack Cowan, Peggy Tompkins

Worship: Led by Sheila Rader

Called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell with a reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

Motion made by Dennis Gleason seconded by Fred Proctor to accept as printed the February 16, 1987 minutes. Carried.

#### REPORTS

Treasurer

A. Talph Kullmann reported for the Treasurers

1. Recap of the budget for the month
2. New line-302-Rainbow Moms.

Motion made by Fred Proctor, seconded by Roger Crowell to accept the report.  
Carried.





Pastor Dale O'Connell)

- A. Remind those on Budget & Finance Committee of their office.
  - B. Vacation - April 20-27-
  - C. Koinonia - good experience
  - D. Lenten Lunches - good turnout
  - E. Parking - Use Hilton Ramp and orange ticket system or streetparking
- Still negotiating with Mall Ramp.

For the Order of the Day - The One Great Hour of Sharing filmstrip was shown. Also Marty Hodgins spoke of his faith journey.

Budget & Finance Committee Report discussed.

- 1. Recommendation 1 - (to limit spending)-Session agreed that no further action was necessary!
- 2. Recommendations 2 & 3 - (completed 86 Campaign and make congregation aware of problems).

Dennis Gleason moved and Paul Wilson seconded the motion to refer to the 87 Stewardship Committee the responsibility for implementing the Budget & Finance Committee recommendations 2 & 3. Carried.

- 3. Recommendation 4 (Campaign to repay loan and support for budget shortfall)-Peggy Patch moved and Fred Proctor seconded the motion to form a special Campaign Committee, a sub-committee of Stewardship Committee, to raise the money over the next two years to repay the loan to the Memorial Fund and Special Gifts and Legacies, and support the Budget shortfall. Carried.

NOTE: Volunteers to help-Paul Wilson, Dom DeFazio, Ken Ranchil, Ralph Kullmann.

#### COMMITTEES:

- 1. Mission - Neil Bellemore report
  - a. Elizabeth Stevenson will present a Minute for Mission on May 10, 1987
  - b. Support PUMA representative Bernie Montanari's trip to China - was asked. Dale had \$70.00 donated of the \$100.00 requested. Additional funds were received at meeting.
  - c. New Wilmington Missionary Conference dates are July 31st - August 8th
  - d. Neil Bellemore moved and Sheila Rader seconded the motion to endorse the South-End Coordinating Committee Drop-In Center at First Baptist Church for 1988 and to include a \$100.00 pledge to the center and notification of Presbytry. Carried.
- 2. Stewardship Martin Hodgins reported on One Great Hour of Sharing plans for April 5, 12, and 19th.
- 3. Evangelism & Nurture - Dennis Gleason reported.
  - a. Special Programs are scheduled as follows:
    - May 3 - Evening Witness
    - July 24 - Koinonia Sing Along
    - October 4 - Evening Witness
    - December 12 - Church Party and Program
  - b. The Billy Graham Crusade is scheduled in Buffalo, Fall 1988.

Sheila Rader moved and Peggy Patch seconded a motion for official church support and designating Burt and Ellen Anderson as delegated lay leaders. Carried.

- 4. Personnel - Carol Dashineau reported
  - a. Staff reviews have been completed satisfactorily with one left to do.
  - b. Pastor's evaluation forms have been devised and distributed and will be correlated for next meeting of Personnel Committee.

c. The Presbyterian Pension and Benefits Package is scheduled for in depth review over the next three months.

d. Job Description updates are underway.

5. Worship - Fred Proctor reported

Worship assignments for committee nights were given.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Funding the Budget - Daletowork with Stewardship Committee

2. Paul Wilson moved and Dennis Gleason seconded the motion to establish a sister relationship with the Kotohira United Church of Christ, Japan, for two years. Carried.

NOTE: Implementation - Dale, Carol, Neil - Mark Mullins expected here approx. June 1st.

3. Other Business

a. Need to prioritized needs of the church - Chair lift, Aesthetics Committee and much much more

b. First Pres Newsletter - could use committee news

c. Promotion and Communication - most urgent need in church

Paul Wilson moved and Neil Bellemore seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:30pm Carried. Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Paul Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING - April 20, 1987

On April 16th 133 people took Communion

PRESENT: Peggy Geist, Juanita Look, Sheial Rader, Peg Tompkins, Peggy Patch, Carol Dashineau MESSRS: Crowell, Wilson, Wilson, Hodgins, Bellemore, Proctor

EXCUSED: Elizabeth Mitchell, Dennis Gleason, March O'Connell, Bianca

ABSENT: Andrew, Cowan, DeFazio,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Reverend Dudley who opened with the Call to Order from Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

Minutes - March 16, 1987: Motion to approve as written. Carried.

#### REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT - Ralph Kullmann

1. March report - Motion to accept as presented. Carried.

2. Special Gift Fund - Mr. Kullmann reported on the history of this fund including 1986 expenditures: An In-Out fund for special or designated gifts ALSO: purpose as established in 1972, was for "special projects" - used since 1972 for adult retreats, Bethel extras, Discovery Magazine. 1986 expenditures included other subscriptions and donations.

Motion made and seconded to have Treasurer and Pastor prepare suggested guidelines for use of the Special Gift Fund line 320. Carried.



TRUSTEES - Russell Look

1. Expanded Office Space - Use of the lounge for office space audio-visual storage and coat room was discussed. Specifics in Trustee minutes. It is understood by Mr. Look, representing the Trustees and the Session that any work being done must be approved by the Session. Work will be financed by donations and no publicity will begin until AFTER the Stewardship Fund Drive in May is complete.

It was moved to accept, in concept, the discussion of the lounge space into additional office space, audio visual storage and coat room as in the Aesthetics committee report to Trustees (Oct. 20, 1986). Carried. With 1 nay vote.

2. Dishwasher at Manse - Will be fixed or replaced - whichever is cheaper.
3. Minimum Honorarium - raised to \$25.00
3. Purchased membership in BJ's Wholesale Club-Tonawanda.
5. Organ-work progressing.

DEACONS

1. Tape ministry - working well
2. Carl ministry - very positive response
3. Love offering - huge success
4. Shut-In Sunday - tabled

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Roll Changes
    - a. Restore to active roll-David McMahon
    - b. Restore to Active and transfer to Trinity Methodist Church, Grand Island, N.Y.  
Joanne Munro
    - c. Transfer to Stamford United Church, Niagara Falls, Ont. - Randall Aird.
- Motion to approve the above changes. Seconded. Carried.
2. Recommendation from Pastoral Assistants that the following be transferred to Inactive Roll and they be notified of the action by letter and encouraged to pursue spiritual growth here or elsewhere (Worship and Financial records for 1985-86-87 to date indicate no attendance or contributions.  
Charles Byam, Judith Coyle, Clint Daggett Jr., Lorraine Daggett, John Giord, Joh & Margaret LaRusso, Greg Lidgett, Patricia Lidgett, Elmer McClelland, Leo Sionkiewicz and John Traise.

Motion made and seconded to approve above recommendation. Carried.

NOTE: Rober and Elizabeth Galliher will be included in this action at a later date. Session concurred it was inappropriate now to send such a letter in light of recent family death. List was returned to Pastoral Assistants for implementation.

3. Extra Presbytery Delegate - We are entitled to send an additional elder - commissioner to May 19, 1987 meeting only - letter from Stated Clerk.

Moved and seconded to elect Dorathy Andrew as Elder-Commissioner to May 19, 1987 Presbytery Meeting. Carried.

NOTE: Dorathy Andrew is so elected as she has been our seconded delegate this year and as of 4/18/87 letter from Stated Clerk, we are no longer eligible (Decline to under 500, stated membership number) to have two Commissioners. Letter attached in Clerk's records.

4. Communion Report - April 6, 1987 - 133.
5. Official action, if any, tabled regarding letter eliminating 1 elder delegated.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. O'Connell family on vacation 4/20/87
2. Rainbow Ramp - Parking available till 10:45 Monday thru Thursday
3. Youth Retreat - Duffield - May 1-3
4. Nominated to Advisory Board - Lockport Home
5. Chairperson - fund Rainins Committee for Presbytery

6. Committee Chairmen - PLEASE use meeting report form for agenda
7. National Day of Prayer - May 7th called by President Regan - referred to Worship Committee for action or no action.

#### ASSISTANT PASTOR REPORT

1. Home communions - 4 (10 served)
2. CMI - going well
3. Daemon College has openings for 6 weeks in the Library

#### COFFESPONDENCE:

- A. Singles Ministry - Letter from New Life Christian Ministries - referred to Adult Education.
- B. Snyod School - Peace of Justice Committee information given to Juanita Look

ORDER OF THE DAY - Roger Crowell - Discussed elders roll as spiritual leaders - giving various biblical references.

#### COMMITTEES

##### A. Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns:

1. Vacation Bible School - July 13-18 at First Baptist Church
2. Presbytery Report
  - a. Task Force - Ecological Justice not Ecogolical Economics but Ecological Social concerns supported by Presbytery as overture to General Assembly.
3. June 1 - dinner Niagara Council of Churches at Niagara United.
4. Tabled the motion to appoiunt Roger Crowell, representing First Presbyterian Church, to be one of Presbytery's nominees as elder commissioner tothe 199th General Assembly in 1988. Reason: Letter of April 18, 1987 eliminating one of our Presbytery's representative

##### B. Evangelism & Nurutre - No report due to absence of Dom DeFazio.

##### C. Youth Education - Peggy Geist reported

1. Children Day June 14
2. Need for Youth workders - retreats, Sunday School, Fellowship and need to youth to know congregation supports their efforts.

##### D. Stewardship - Martin Hodgins reported

1. 1987 Campaign - completion underway - 23 letters sent and pulpit announcement.
2. 1988 Campaign - not begin but materials studied
3. One Great Hour of sharing - total received \$837.42 (goal was \$1,000.) 1986 Approx. \$700

##### 4. Prgan/Sanctuary Fund Drive

- a. ends May, 1987 - Goal was \$50,000. and actual receipts
 

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 52,820.22 | - Thru 4/12/87 |
| 1,349.00  | - pledges due  |
| 54,169.22 | expected total |
- b. Celebration - successful completion May 3, 1987.

Motion made and seconded to have a small party during Fellowship time, May 3rd. Carried. Amended - this party shall be a victory party for the successful completion of Phase 1. Carried.

##### E. Special Fund Drive

Motion made and seconded that

- a. the goal be \$65,000. (38,000. for Memorial Fund & Gift Legacy funds-payback for Phase 1 and 27,000 for 1987 Budget Relief.)
- b. the campaign be conducted in May 1987.
- c. Commitments for 24 months and large gifts be solicited
- d. an announcement be made May 3, 1987 from the pulpit and letters mailed May 4th, 1987.
- e. the campaign be called the Building and Budget Fund. Carried.



F. Worship

1. Committee is studying the proposed changes in the Directory for Worship and will respond to Presbytery with their comments and suggestions.

G. Membership - No report due to absence of Jack Cowan

H. Mission

1. Covenant with Kotohira Church in Japan being prepared.

2. Prayer March - May 3, Niagara Falls.

I. Personnel

1. Chuck Livingston recuperating at home. Guido handling matters.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

The picture taking during church services was mentioned - Session informed by Pastoral Assistants that Reverend O'Connell will handle the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Carl Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 1987

May 3, 1987 154 too communion

PRESENT : Miss Geist, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Peg Tompkins, Mrs. Carol Dashineau, Mrs. Janet Bianca, Mrs. Marcia O'Connell MESSRS: Proctor, Cowan, DeFazio, Gleason, Wilson, Crowell, Hodgins

EXCUSED: MRs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Andrew, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Bellemore

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell with the Call to Order from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

Worship was led by Paul Wilson

Minutes moved and seconded that the April 20, 1987 be approved. Carried.

REPORTED

Deacons - Reverend Dudley reported

Card and tape ministries progressing well

Trustees - George Custers reported.

New Budget line #305 - Building and Budget Fund

Moved and seconded to accept report of the Trustees. Carried.

Treasurer - Ralph Kullmann reported

1. Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Treasurer. Carried.

2. Building and Budget Fund - as of 5/18/87 - 34 pledges and gifts have been received for a total of \$12,418.

Pastors - Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley reported on their carious activities

Clerk - Carol Dashineau reported

1. Roll changes - moved and seconded to delete Tibor Gall deceased April 28-87

2. Communion-May 3, 154

3. Presbytery Delegate - Moved and seconded to elect Paul Wilson, replacing Dorothy Andrew, as our seconded delegate for the May 19, 1987 Presbytery Meeting. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE none

COMMITTEES

1. Personnel - Carol Dashineau reported

a. Job Description - 3 revised Job Descriptions and attached duties list were pre-presented for Session approval

1. The Personnel Committee recommends the approval of the revised Job Description for Financial Secretary, Church Secretary and Bookkeeper and their distribution to the Session Policy Book. Moved and seconded. Carried.

NOTE: Each Job Description was presented separately and the question moved seconded separately. Each was carried.

b. The Personnel Committee recommends approval for establishing the Personnel policy that separate files be kept on each employee by the Pastor in the Pastors Office, access to which, by anyone other than the individual employee, the Pastor or the Personnel Committee should be obtained only by written permission of the employee. Moved and seconded. Carried.

c. Doug Dudley has been asked to supervise a summer intern at Riverside Pres. Church. The Personnel Committee recommends the approval of the request from Riverside Pres. Church for Reverend Dudley to supervise their seminary intern for approx. eight (8) weeks this summer - our church to be reimbursed \$400. for the time (4 hours per week for 8 weeks). Moved and seconded. Carried.

d. In salary review procedure is in the process of being studied. Frustrations experienced last year will be worked out.

e. Pastor's Reviews completed - new process worked well - both committee and Pastors satisfied with process and comments.

f. Chuck Livingston is recovering from surgery. No problems being encountered at the church in his absence.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Carol dashineau shared some of the background of Presbyterians involvement in social justice issues and some of the possibilities for individual action on social justice issues.

2. Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns - Roger Crowell reported.

a. Moved and seconded to appoint Roger Crowell, representing First Presbyterian Church, to be one of Presbytery's nominees as elder commissioner to the 199th General Assembly in St. Louis, June 6-15 1988. Carried.

b. Moved and seconded to continue Roger Crowell as Session's permanent delegate to Presbytery for 1987 and to designate Dorathy Andrew as permanent alternate

c. VBS need teachers - July 13-17 9:00 a.m. to noon

d. Council of Churches dinner June 1.

3. Mission - Janet Bianca reported

a. Moved and seconded to recognize Virginia Andrew on May 31, 1987 during the Worship service for her call to summer Missionary Service with the New Wilmington Missionary Conference in Appalachia with a missionary in Christ service. Carried.

4. Youth Education - Peggy Geist reported

New guidelines in place to control nursery in/out traffic.

5. Stewardship - Marty Hodgins reported

One great hour total \$989.02

6. Worship Fred Proctor reported

Moved and seconded to discontinue the use of name tags on Guest Sunday due to expense and confusion created while signing. Carried.

7. Membership Jack Cowan reported

Worship attendance special events coming - Recognition of 50 year members 5/24 and matching Easter attendance total on Pentecost.

8. Adult Education - Doug Dudley reported

Current Dobson series going very well and is excellent.



9. Evangelism & Nurture - Dom DeFazio reported  
 Billy Graham Crusade - October 1988 - Anderson's are our Church representatives
10. Treasurer Search Committee - Fred Proctor  
 To be discussed next meeting

#### NEW BUSINESS

Men's Golf-Men's Prayer Group meeting after Prayer for golf and other sports activities.

Moved and Seconded to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. Carried. Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - JUNE 6, 1987

PRESENT: Miss Geist, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Dashineau  
 MESSRS: Crowell, Bellemore, Cowan, Wilson, Reverend Dudley and Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Andrew, Bianca, Hodgins, Patch, Look, DeFazio, Gleason, Proctor

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. with prayer led by Reverend O'Connell

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the letter received from Larry Krizan, Coordinator of Development Services for City of Niagara Falls and to view architects drawings of the proposed complex surrounding the church building and also to hear Mr. Larry Rose, Mall Manager - Rainbow Centre

DISCUSSION

1. City is seeking an OTB Tele-Theater for Niagara Falls. The sites the NYS Racing Commission is interested in are:

1. In Rainbow Mall, levels 3-5 West side
2. New complex around church - facing Hilton Ramp

2. Our position? - oppose or stand unopposed to city's effort to bring a Tele-Theater operating within the 500 ft radius given that the operating would not be immediately adjoining or intrusive to the church property.

3. Mr. Mr. Rose - spoke about Mall and their interest in securing the operation for the Mall.

4. Plans for Falls Street Station reviewed.

Meeting adjourned 12 noon - No action taken - members urged to think and discuss the issues till June 7, 1987 at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - June 7, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. O'Connell  
 MESSRS: Wilson, Defazio, Proctor, Crowell, Cowan, Gleason, Bellemore, Reverend O'Connell, Reverend Dudley

ABSENT: Andrew, Hodgins

EXCUSED: Peggy Geist

Meeting called to order at 11:25 am with prayer

Purpose of Meeting - To discuss and prepare a motion in reaction to the City's letter regarding an ITB Tele-Theater in either the Rainbow Mall or the Falls Street Station complex.



MOTION: It was moved and seconded to inform, by letter, Mr. Larry Krizan, City of Niagara Falls Coordinator of Development Services that :WHEREAS the Session of First Presbyterian Church does not enforce OTB operations or Gambling in any form, nevertheless, the Session of First Presbyterian Church does not stand opposed to the proposal coming from the City to locate an OTB Tele-Theater in either the Rainbow Mall or the Falls Street Station (Lehr Project) and that the following people be our church representatives to negotiate arrangements - Reverend O'Connell, Reverend Dudley and Church Attorney John Runals. Carried.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Session communicates to Mr. Larry Krizan, City of Niagara Falls Coordinator Development Services a preference for the Tele-Theater location in the Rainbow Mall. Carried.

CONCERNS: The following items were discussed as some of our concerns regarding the Tele-theater and our location and mission in downtown Niagara Falls.

1. Future parking
2. Security due to OTB clientele
3. Signage
4. We are not supporting OTB or Gambling by not opposing the Tele-theater and want that message communicated to Media
5. Future of park?

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of session

SESSION MEETING June 15, 1987

On June 7 171 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Miss Geist, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. O'Connell

MESSRS: Proctor, Cleason, Wilson, DeFazio, Reverend O'Connell, Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: MESSRS: Cowan, Crowel, Bellemore, Hodgins

Meeting called to order at 7:49 p.m. with meditation from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer by Reverend O'Connell. Worship Was led by Peggy Geist.

Motion made and seconded to accept as printed the minutes of the May 18, 1987 regular meeting, June 6, 1987 and June 7, 1987 Special meetings. Carried.

#### REPORTS

Clerk's Report - Carol Dashineau

1. Motion made and seconded to delete due to death (G 10.0302b (8)  
Elizabeth Mitchell - May 21, 1987  
Flora DeFranco - June 11, 1987

Carried.

2. Motion made and seconded to approve Maptisam requests pending counseling with Reverend O'Connell for Michael Lauzau Son of Cathy Ferrari, Heather Nicole daughter of Sherry Lincoln and Alan Piche and Doris and Carol Lincoln daughters and Son of Sherry Lincol. Carried.

3. Communion Count June 7, 1987 - 171.

Treasurer's Report - Ralph Kullmann

Motion made and seconded to approve Treasurers Report as written. Carried.

The Trustees Report was presented by Ralph Kullmann

It was moved and seconded to approve the Trustees recommendation, although preliminary in detail, for cloak room and lounge renovation, expanded office space, and the addition of audio-visual storage close. (refer to Item G, Trustees Minutes June 8, 1987 plan (B)).

Pastor Dudley reported - Home Communion - 5-13 served and that he has begun work with Riverside intern as approved last month.

Pastor O'Connell reported that a Singles group will meet during the Summer at 8:30 pm Tuesdays in the Church

Correspondence from the Presbytery was received regarding next year's General Assembly delegate - Roger Crowell's name has been officially submitted by the Session.

Church as received the procedures for writing projects for the General Assembly/ Synod Bicentennial Campaign.

Peggy Geist reported for the Youth Education Committee.

- a. No fellowship or Little Church for Summer
- b. Need Superintendent and Little Church Co-ordinator.

The Evangelism and Nurture report was given by Dennis Gleason - there will be a new Bible Study Fellowship led by Dom Defazio meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays.

It was moved and seconded to begin July 1987 having Billy Graham Crusade Progress reports each month on Guest Sunday. Carried.

Question was raised about how best to participate in the Festival of Lights for 1987.

Order of the Lady led by Peg Tompkins who read from Unto the Hills by Billy Graham on the passage - "I will not leave you comfortless."

The Stewardship Committee report was given by Sheila Rader. To date the Building & Budget Fund has received 85 pledges for 30,572.92. It was moved and seconded that Building and Budget Fund end June 30th and final results be made known July 12. Carried.

The Fall Campaign will be an Every Member Visitation without pledge cards end of September - End October, with a Worship-pledge following in November.

Dorothy Andrew reported about the Ecumenical VBS, at First Baptist July 13-17.

The Worship Committee report by Fred Proctor included the announcement that beginning soon in the bulletin will be articles on "Why we do what we do."

Treasurers Search Committee - Fred Proctor reporting

- a. It was moved and seconded to discharge the committee with hearty thanks to the members of the committee. Carried.
- b. The Committee's final report including these thoughts
  1. The Treasurers position could be a paid position
  2. There should be co-treasurer who is not paid
  3. No one in the congregation will accept the position as presently defined.



Personnel - Carol Dashineau

a. Moved and seconded that because of changes in the Major Medical Plan regarding deductible amounts, reimbursement to Reverend O'Connell made in the amount of \$646.00 and to Reverend Dudley \$948.00. This will satisfy all deductible expenses for 1987. All extra expenses will be paid by policies. Carried with 1 nay.

b. Moved and seconded that a committ be appointed to report at the July meeting where money will come from. Carried. (Committee members - Ralph Kullmann, Roger Crowell and Carol Dashineau)

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau - Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING JULY 20, 1987

July 4, 1987 154 people took Communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Dashineau, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, DeFazion, Gleason, Proctor, Hodgins, Wilson and Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Miss Geist, Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Cowan and Reverend Dudley

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m. with meditation from Yearbook of Prayer by Reverend O'Connell. Worship was led by Janet Bianca.

Minutes of June 15, 1987 meeting approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Treasurer - Ralph Kullmann reported.

1. Moved and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report. Carried.
  2. On a motion from the Stewardship Committee Session voted to allocate all the Building and Budget Funds received (line 305) to the Memorial Fund (315) for the Session to determine its disposition at a latter time. Carried.
  3. Moved and seconded that in anticipation of cash flow deficit, up to \$3,200.00 be moved from Memorial Fund to General Fund for use by the Treasurer. Carried.
  4. On the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed lastmonth - Session voted that payment of the 1987 medical expenses incurred by Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley relating to the intermediate step in benefits claims instituted in 1987 (80/10) split as approved by Session June 15, 1987 be taken from budget line 320 (Speical Gifts) in the amount of \$594.00 and from budget line 315 (Memorial Fund) the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$646 to O'Connell and 948.00 to Dudley. Carried.
- Clarifications relating to above motion:
- a. The understanding is clear by all involved, that this DOES NOT set a precedent and is NOT auto-matically paid each year.
  - b. Funds will be paid when bills arrive and requests are submitted to Treasurer.

Deacons - To Bouch reported

Tape ministry discontinued for summer. Also no Deacon meetings for July and August. General discussion followed and Session members agreed that research into the use of Vans for the church be done by an ad hoc committee of those interested.

Trustees - Gerry Greene reported

1. Office Expansion Project will be mentioned in Summer edition of First Pres.
2. Moved and seconded to transfer \$75.00 to budget line 792 from budget line 770 to cover an increase in insurance premiums. Carried. (Workman's Comp.)

Clerk of Session Carol Dashineau reported

1. Roll Changes
  - a. Moved and seconded to delete, due to death: Ada Valkinburgh 7/13/87, and Graydon Bloom 7/19/87 - G 10.0302 b (8)-Carried.
  - b. Moved and seconded to transfer to inactive roll - Richard Campbell and Edward Place - Carried. G 10.0302 a (3)
  - c. Moved and seconded to delete June Srock from MEMBERSHIP. Carried. G 10.0302B(4)
2. Communion count July 4 - 154.
3. Moved and seconded to accept with regret and thanks the resignation from Session of Peggy Geist. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell reported that there is a core group of 8-12 singles in the summer singles group.

Session agreed to ask Fred & Moira Proctor to head up a AdHoc Steering Committee. to study the viability and process of establishing a Marieners Group in our Church.

Correspondence received from Presbytery of Western New York Resource Center. Pease & Justice Committee of Presbytery and David McMahon was noted and made available.

II CommitteesStewardship MartyHodgins reporting

1. Final report Building and Budget Fund - 90 Pledges for \$32,104.92/
2. Fall Campaign- information & listening campaign - need members for canvassing possibility of new type budget to clarify expenses and assets.

ORDER OF THE DAY - Dom DeFazio spoke on witnessing for Christ

Personnel - Carol Dasunieu reported

1. Process for salary reviews for 1988 Budget
- Meeting held with chairman of Budget & Finance Committee, Ken Ranchil. It is clear to all that it will be the Personnel Committees responsibility to clearly and adamantly state the Personnel Budget proposals we are recommending. We will begin reviewing in August.
2. Moved and seconded to transfer \$12.00 from budget line 770 to budget line 753 to accomodate Blue Cross rate increase effective July 1, 1987. Carried.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns - Dorathy Andrew reporting

1. Vacation Bible School - Great success - planning now for 1988.
2. New home of Presbyterian Church nationally will be Louisville Kentucky.
3. New Moderator of Generally Assembly - Isable Rogers

Mission - Neil Bellemore reported

1. August 23 - report during worship service from New Wilmington Missionary Conference
2. Puma - October 16-17-18.
3. In discussion stage - Jim Beates teaching an accredited course on Missions in our church (Houghton College)

Evangelism & Nature

1. Billy Graham Crusade Updates - thru 1987 will be every other month.
2. Xmas in August
3. Kairos Octover 1-4



4. Festival of Lights - november 1987 - Jan. 1988 our church involvement - Planning set of August 16th & 30th after church Christmas in August.
5. Prison Ministry - Prayer supports asked for Dennis Gleason and Helen Thornton for Oct. 1-4.

Membership - Jack Cowan reported

1. Suggested clerk write a letter of thanks to Kate Myers for her work as Sunday School Superintendent.

New & Other Business

1. Youth Education Chairman

Moved and seconded that Paul Wilson be name chairman for the remainder of 1987. Carried.

2. Treasurers Search Committee - decided after some discussion, to have Personnel Committee study the job description and report at August Session Meeting. August 3, 1987 7:30 p.m. at the church will be an information gathering session for Personnel Committee and others involved in previous search committees.

3. Ask Treasurers to define and submit to Session descriptions for lines 310 A, 304, 304A, 302, 303, 391, 392A and update the summary page for the Policy Books.

4. Bus Report - 18 people ride the bus.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 p.m with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau  
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES JULY 20, 1987

July 2 154 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Dashineau, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, DeFazio, Gleason, Proctor, Hodgins, Wilson and Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Miss Giest, Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Cowan and Reverend Dudley

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m. with meditation from Yearbook of Prayer by Reverend O'Connell. Worship was led by Janet Bianca.

Minutes of June 15, 1987 meeting approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer - Ralph Kullmann reported.

1. Moved and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report. Carried.
2. On a motion from the Stewardship Committee Session voted to allocate all the Session to determine its disposition at a later time. Carried.
3. Moved and seconded that in anticipation of cash flow deficit, up to \$3,200. be moved from Memorial Fund to General Fund for use by the Treasurer. Carried

4. On the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed last month - Session voted that payment of the 1987 medical expenses incurred by Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley relating to the intermediate step in benefits claims instituted in 1987 (80/20) split as approved by Session June 15, 1987 be taken from budget line 320 (Special Gifts) in the amount of \$594.00 and from budget line 315 (Memorial Fund) the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$646 to Dale O'Connell and \$948.00 to Reverend Dudley) Carried.

Clarifications relating to above motion:

- a. The understanding is clear by all involved, that this DOES NOT set a precedent and is NOT auto-matically paid each year.
- b. Funds will be paid when bills arrive and requests are submitted to Treasurer.

Deacons - Tom Bouch reported.

Tape Ministry discontinued for summer. Also no Deacon meetings for July and August. General discussion followed and Session members agreed that research into the use of Vans for the church be done by an ad hoc committee of those interested.

Trustees - Greedy Greene reported

1. Office Expansion Project will be mentioned in Summer edition of First Pres.
2. Moved and seconded to transfer \$75.00 to budget line 792 from budget line 770 to cover an increase in insurance premiums. Carried. (Workmans com.)

Clerk of Session Carol Dashineau reported

1. Roll Changes - -
  - a. Moved and seconded to delete, due to death: Ada Valkinburgh 7/13/87, and Graydon Bloo, 7/19/87 - G10.0302 b(8) - Carried.
  - b. Moved and seconded to transfer to inactive roll - Richard Campbell and Edward Place - Carried. G 10.0302 a (3)
- Moved and seconded to delete June Srock from Membership Carried. G10.00302 B(4)
2. Communion count July 2 154 people.
3. Moved and seconded to accept with regret and thanks the resignation from Session of Peggy Geist. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell reported that there is a core group of 8-12 singles in the summer singles group.

Session agreed to ask Fred & Moira Proctor to head up a Ad Hoc Steering Committee to Study the viability and process of establishing a Mariners Group in our Church.

Correspondence - received from Presbytery of Western New York Resource Center, Peace & Justice Committee of Presbytery and David McMahon was noted and made available.

## II COMMITTEES

Stewardship - Marty Hodgins reporting

1. Final report Building and Budget Fund - 90 Pledges for \$32,104.92
2. Fall Campaign - information & listening campaign - need members for canvassing possibility of new type budget to clarify expenses and assets.

ORDER OF THE DAY - Tom DEFazio spoke on witnessing for Christ



Personnel - Carol Dashineay reported

1. Process for salary reviews for 1988 Budget

Meeting held with chairman of Budget Finance Committee, Ken Ranchil. It is clear to all that it will be the Personnel Committees responsibility to clearly and adamantly state the Personnel Budget proposals we are recommending. We will begin reviewing in August.

2. Moved and seconded to transfer \$12.00 from budget line 770 to budget line 753 to accomodate Blue Cross rate increase effective July 1, 1987. Carried.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns -Dorothy Andrew reporting

1. Vacation Bible School - Great success - planning now for 1988.
2. New Home of Presbyterian Church nationally will be Louisville Kentucky.
3. New Moderator of General Assembly - Isabel Rogers.

Mission - Neil Bellemore repored

1. August 23 - report during worship service from New Wilmington Missionary Conference.
2. PUMA - October 16-17=18.
3. In discussion stage - Jim Beates teaching an accredited course on Missions in our Church (Houghton college.)

Evangelism & Nurture

1. Billy Graham Crusade Updates - thru 1997 will be every other month.
2. Christians in August
3. Kairos October 1-4
4. Estvial of Lights- November 1987 - Jan. 1988 our church involvement - Planning set of August 16th & 30th after church Cirstmas in August.
5. Prison Ministry - Prayer supports asked for dennis Gleason and Helen Thornton October 1-4.

Membership - Jack Cowan reported

1. Suggested Clerk wrtie a letter of thanks to Kate Myers for her work as Sunday School Superintendent.

New & Other Business

1. Youth Education Chairman-

Moved and seconded that Paul Wilson be name Chairman for the remainder of 1987. Carried.

2. Treasurers Search Committee - decided after some discussion, to have Personnel Committee study the job description and report at August Session Meeting. August 3, 1987 7:30 p.m. at the church will be an information gathering session for Personnel Committee and others incolved in previous search committees.
3. Ask Treasurers to define and submit to Session descriptions for lines 310A, 304, 304A, 302, 303, 391, 392A and update the summary page for the Policy Books.
4. Buss Report - 18 people ride the bus.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING -August 17, 1987

On August 3, 136 people too communion.

PRESENT Dorathy Andrew, Carol Dashineau, Peggy Parch, Peg Tompkins, MESSRS: Crowell DeFazio, Hodgins, Proctor, Wilson, Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley.

EXCUSED: Janet Bianca, Marcia O'Connell, Juanita Look, Sheila Rader, Dennis Gleason

ABSENT: Neil Bellemore and Jack Cowan

The meeting was called to order at 7L35 p.m. with readings from the Mission Year-book of Prayer and Worship led by Reverend O'Connell

It was moved and seconded to approve as corrected minutes of July 20, 1987 meeting. Carried.

#### REPORTS

James Patch reported for the Treasurers. It was moved and seconded to approve Treasurers Report. Carried.

Mr. Patch explained Special Funds page and possible revisions to clarify actual amounts. The Co-treasurers will develop a new format for later consideration.

It was moved and seconded to add a new budget line (#490) to handle transfer funds from Special Fund lines. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to transfer from Memorial Fund up to \$2,600.00 for August expenditures. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to delete from the roll: Florence A. Wales who died 8/11/87 G10.0302 (b) 8 Carried.

It was moved and seconded to baptize Cassandra Lynn Hiller born July 1, 1987 on August 23, 1987, daughter of Edward and Glory Jackson Hiller. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to appoint a Commission of Elders (Dom DeFazio & Jack Cowan) to meet with Cathy Ferrari to receive her into membership if they deem it acceptable to do so. Carried.

Communion Report for August 3 - 136.

Reverend O'Connell reported on his upcoming vacation August 21st - 29th and on the decision cards returned to church by Seneca Hills camp as positive feedback and "faith accountability".

It was moved and seconded to invite the Gideon Bible Society representatives to our service for a Minute for Mission on November 15th. Carried.

It was noted that Mr. J. Steward Felming will receive an Honorary Doctorate from Niagara university on August 20th.

Reverend Dudley reported that Riverside Church's work with the student intern is complete and was a very good experience; that two home communions were served in last month (four people); and that he took one week's time between July/August Sessions meetings using accumulated time.

Correspondence from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery - re-the Book of Order requirements for COM to meet with each church once every two years. Questionnaire will be distributed for study to all Session members. It was noted that beginning 1989 each church will be asked to contribute 1% of its local program budget as its proportionate share for the education of the church's ministries and educators.



Lapel pins with denomination logo available to order. Reverend O'Connell has forms

Carol Dashineau reported for Personnel Committee that Salary reviews have begun.

After explanation and discussion, it was moved and seconded to change the Treasurers job description to allow for a Treasurer and Associate Treasurer appointed for two (2) year staggered term and to approve the job description as presented. Carried.

Moved and seconded to appoint a Special Committee to fill the positions. Carried. Committee will be Fred Proctor, Carol Dashineau and Reverend O'Connell.

After full discussion it was moved and seconded to encourage the formation of a new group or groups in the church, including all ages, for the purpose of which will be Christian fun and service. The groups may pattern themselves after the Presbyterian Mariners, but will not, at this time affiliate with this or another national organization. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to appoint a steering committee to be the interim organizing leaders for the remainder of 1987 and to report plans for organization and 1988 meetings at the December 1987 Session Meeting. Carried. Committee will be the Proctors, Kullmanns, Petts, Cowans and the Burrs.

ORDER OF THE DAY - Reverend O'Connell spoke on finding a power by which we can live and have that power be greater than one's self. His question to us - Do you know Christ in such a way that HE is that power?

Marty Hodgins reported progress being made in the Fall Stewardship Campaigning.

Fred Proctor reported that Sanctuary lighting now in full at beginning of service.

Dom DeFazio reported the Festival of Lights meetings are being held now and we will be participants; that on September 18th there will be a Koinonia Palanca party at the Andersons; Koinonia Weekends are October 16-18 for men and Nov. 6-8 for women; and that there will be an October 4 Praise and Fellowship Service at our church with Liturgical Dancing by Jan Babcock.

Christian Education: Paul Wilson reported that Sunday School Superintendent and teachers still needed.

Having received new policy pages for some Special Funds it was moved and seconded to table until the September meeting; at the time of the Treasurer's report, action on the pages, thus giving Session members time to study the various pages. Carried.

Reverend O'Connell suggested that by the time of the Billy Graham crusade we, as a Church should have our evangelism plans and goals set and move into action. If we are going to be an evangelical church, it must not be just from the Pulpit.

Roger Crowell reported that the Nominating Committee is seeking names of possible candidates for church boards from current board members and the congregation in general.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Dashineau-Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING - September 21, 1987

September 6, 140 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Dorathy Andrew, Mrs. Janet Bianca, Mrs. Carol Dashineau, Mrs. Juanita Lool, Mrs. Peggy Parch, Mrs. Sheila Rader, Mrs. Peg Tompkins, MESSRS: Jack Cowan, Roger Crowell, Neil Bellemore, Dennis Gleason, Martin Hodgins, Ffred Proctor, Paul Wilson, Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Dominic DeFazio

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with readings from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer for September 22 -discussed Dr. & Mrs. Heasty. Worship was led by Jack Cowan.

It was moved and seconded to approve as printed the minutes of the August 17 meeting Carried.

REPORTS:

Ralph Kullmann reported for the Treasurers. A new format for the Special Funds page as reviewed and it was suggested that the Treasurer's keep experimenting with varrious formates.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasruer's Report. Carried.

It was moved and seconded, after discussionand corrections,to approve the policy pages for the 300 funds - lines 391, 392B,310A, 305 and 304. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to table till Octover meeting lines 304A and 302. Carried.  
It was moved and seconded to delete line 303. Carried.

Ken Ranchil reported the Trustees stating that the monthly financial reports will not show pennies, the new office sapce project is \$1,000.. short and Organ completion is set for Nov. 8th. A reminder too that Budget reports for 1988 are due September 25, 1987.

Clerk reported. Communion count for September was 140.

It was moved and seconded to add Catherine Ferrari to membership rolls by re-affirmation of Faith and to delete Marcia O'Connell died 9/9/87 G-10.0302 (b) 8. Carried.

Reverend Dudley reported a special opportunity for us in November - presence of Fuad Bahnan = a Lebanese minister now inour synod for one (1) year will be in our Presbytery November 13-20.

It was moved and seconded to hold the Annual meeting onNov. 1, 1987. Immediately after the Sunday Worship Service with the J.r & Sr. High youth assuming responsibility for the Sunday School. Carried.

Coorespondence informs us of Session works - November 14th at Lewiston Presbyterian Church -- October 3rd - Evangelism Seminar and Task Force on Homosexuality in Presbytery Chinese Dinner at our Church on October 3.

ORDER OF THE DAY - Prayer and Scripture (Matthew 25:31-46) led by Paul Wilson and Dennis Gleason. They spoke on the Kairos movement.



Stewardship Committee report given by Marty Hodgins who discussed the 1988 Campaign

It was moved and seconded to approve

- a. the theme "Say YES to the LORD"
- b. an every member canvas October 4th and Oct. 11 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. for the distribution of the informational packets.
- c. the content of the information packets and items for Oct. 4th and Oct. 11th including bulletin insert, a general flyer, four question sheets, percentage giving sheet, and say YES commitment.
- d. to designate Oct. 25th and Nov. 1 as Stewardship Sundays with Pledge dedication Nov. 15. Carried.

It was noted that pledge cards will go out Oct. 16.

Evangelism & Nurture Committee report was given by Dennis Gleason who noted that October 4th at 7:30 p.m. the Praise & Fellowship Service will be held with guest Jan Babcock. Also October 23-24 is an overnite for Kairos Women's group.

The Festival of Lights Committee noted that December 12th at 5:30 p.m. will be Christmas Family dinner and 7:00 p.m. the Rainbow Singers will present a concert in the Sanctuary.

Worship Committee report given by Fred Proctor who noted that they are studying a new Advent services and that Catherine Ferrari is a new committee member.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns Committee report was given by Dorathy Andrew. She noted that next years VBS will be two weeks long. The CROP Walk will Oct. 18th.

Mission Committee report given by Neil Bellemore who noted that the PUMA weekend is October 16-18. A Pot-Luck Dinner October 16th at our church will speaker Polly Kurtz. Housing and transportation for Mrs. Kurtz are needed.

NEW BUSINESS for the evening was the All Boards Retreat. Dennis Gleason and Fred Proctor volunteered to be Co-Chairman of the weekend.

It was moved and seconded to have the All boards Retreat on January 15-16, 1988, contingent upon reservations, at the Beacon Motor Inn. Carried.

The Committee on Ministry Questionnaire was handed out.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Dashineau  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins  
MESSRS: Cown, Crowell, Hodgins, DeFazio, Gleason, Proctor, Wilson and Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Mr. Bellemore, Mrs. Patch, Reverend Dudley

On October 4, 181 people took Communion

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. following the Joint Boards meeting with Reverend O'Connell sharing from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer. Worship was led by Dorathy Andrew.

It was moved and seconded to approve as written the Septemeber 21, 1987 Session minutes. Carried.

#### REPORTS

TREASURER's report given by Ralph Kullmann who reviewed the format of the September report as one of the formats being considered for regular use. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer report. Carried.

George Petts reported that the proposed office space project is awaiting final estimate and sufficient funds have been received to begin and complete the porject.

CLERKS REPORT - Carol Dashineau reported:

Counnuion Count on October 4th was 181.

It was moved and seconded to delete Hector Morre' due to death G10.0302 (b)8 Carried.

PASTORS REPORT Dale O'Connell reported.

1. Dale read a letter from himself and the children requesting that \$750 of the money contributed to the Memorial Fund in Marcia's memory be used for the office space renovation.

It was moved and seconded to concur with the family's request. Carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

It was moved and seconded to purchase the necessary number of Board of Order 1987-88 using money from the Special Gift fund. Carried.

Session works - November 14th at Lewiston..

Order Of The Day - was shared by Sheila Rader and Juanita Look. Sheila Sopke about service using the Mary & Martha story and noted that all gifts should have motives of Christian love. Juanita shared her recent travel experiences and noted real service begins when we leave the Sunday morning worship hour.

#### COMMITTEES:

Evangelism & Nurture Committeee - Dennis Gleason reported that Women's Koinonia Weekend will be November 6-8th. The Festival of Lights project is underway and December 12th will be Christmas Pot-Luck dinner with the Rainbow Singers. December 18 will be an Organ Concert from 6-8 pm with appropraite advertising in festival material

#### NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved and seconded to table to the November meeting during reports, action on budget lines 302,303,304A, and 320 for the policy books. Carried.

At the Annual Meeting on November 1st there will be time for Billy Graham Crusade report and each Committee with a Budget line will have to make a short presentation on what their committee is responsible for.

It was moved and seconded to table the appointment of the Treasruers till Nov. Carried.



The Pastoral Assistants have asked Session help with two lists - one is a list of members who need to be nurtured and the seconded is a list to be divided among Session Members for personal contact (those whose membership is in jeopardy.)

The All Boards Retreat is January 15-16 1988 at the Beacon Motor Inn. Anthony DiBiase with the leader and the theme is GOD IS LOVE.

Youth Education Committee chairman Paul Wilson reported that during the Annual meeting the Sunday School will be entertained by Scott Wolf of Sunlite Ministries Puppeteers and that the youth will have a Dance on December 19th with a local disc jockey at the church. Security and chaperones will be provided.

Adult Education will meet October 21st and the topic is Discipleship Course. Ken Hall a candidate for Moderator of General Assembly in 1988 will be in our Presbytery Feb. 9-10.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

#### MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION MEETING November 8, 1987

On November 1 168 people took Communion.

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch: MESSRS Cowan, DeFazio, Proctor, Reverend O'Connell, Ralph Kullmann represented the Treasurers.

ABSENT: Mrs. Tompkins Mrs. Rader, MESSRS: Crowell, Hodgins, Wilson, Bellemore, Gleason, Reverend Dudley

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 pm on Sunday November 8, 1987

The purpose of the meeting was a request by Mr. Kullmann, one of the Treasurers, for funds to cover current expenses.

It was moved and seconded to transfer from the Memorial Fund up to \$3,800. for current expenditures. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 1987

On November 1, 1987 168 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: DeFazio, Hodgins, Crowell, Proctor, Wilson, Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Bianca, MESSRS: Bellemore and Gleason

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell who read about Pakistan from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer. Worship was led by Fred Proctor.

It was moved, seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 1987 Joint Boards. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the October 19, 1987 Minutes. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Session Meeting November 8, 1987.

Time was spent evaluating the Annual Meeting. Comments were shared - those of Session members and comments to Session members. Discussed were comments about budget adaption procedures which led into the Treasurers report and comments. A good feeling about meeting in that it focused on ministry and fellowship.

TRUSTEES: Helen Thornton reported.

It was moved and seconded upon request of the Trustees, to not renew the time of credit at Permanent Savings Bank (established for renovation and repair of organ) Carried.

It was moved and seconded to transfer \$40.00 from line 571 (Evangelism & Nurture) to line 610 (Electricity) for expected electricity use during Festival of Lights. Carried.

Development around church expected to begin soon. Church members working with city are Peter Dooley, George Petts, John Runals, Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley.

DEACONS Clotholide Dooley reported.

The Tape Ministry is now back on tract and sending users a stamped envelope for tape returns. The shut-ins have now increased by 5.

CLERK'S REPORT: Carol Dashineau reported:

Communion count - November 1, 1989 168

It was moved and seconded to delete from rolls due to death, Jessie Mullens 10/23/87 and Zaida Desmond (10/21/87) G-10.0302 (b) 8. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to transfer to absent/inactive roll. Michele Babcock. G10.0302 (3). Carried.

Roger Crowell has been nominated as a Commissioner to the 1988 General Assembly.

TREASURERS REPORT: Ralph Kullmann reported.

It was moved and seconded to accept the monthly report as submitted. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to transfer up to \$3,000.00 from the Memorial Fund for regular expenses. Carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the Budget for 1988. Areas of concern ranged from congregational understanding as presented October 19 to implementation June 1.

It was noted that a Statistical Corner will soon begin to appear in the weekly bulletin. It was moved and seconded to again table action on the policy pages regarding Special Funds (lines 302, 303, 304A, 320) in the essence of time. Carried. (NOTE: These will be acted upon in December).



ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Doug Dudley reported

Home Communion - 7 served

Reverend Dudley will be using some vacation days at Thanksgiving and Christmas and has been appointed to the Advisory Staff of the Presbytery newspaper SPIRIT.

PASTORS REPORT: Dale O'Connell reported

The Pastoral Assistants need our input from our calls by November 30. Membership Committee will meet on November 23 to discuss the pros and cons of a Church Van. Interested Board Members and Committee Chairman should also attend. Congregational Committee on Staffing Matters will have two Session representatives - Jack Cowan and Dom DeFazio.

New Officers Installation & Ordination will be January 3rd 1988. Orientation will be January 4th. January 15-16 will be the All Boards Retreat.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Niagara County Migrant Ministry has knowledge of a very needy family - if any willing to help - contact them.

It was moved and seconded to send \$100.00 from the Special Gift Fund to the Niagara Falls Firefighters Toy Fund. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to submit to the Committee on Nominations of Presbytery of Western New York the home of Virginia Andrew for consideration as Youth delegate to General Assembly or synod in 1988. Carried.

ORDER OF THE DAY was given by Dale O'Connell. He spoke, ever so meaningfully, from Isaiah 40:55 (55:6) about our distance from God how to keep someone feeling distant to be reassured God is near.

#### COMMITTEES

Evangelism & Nurture: Dom DeFazio reported

Billy Graham Crusade Team Members will meet November 19.

Festival of Lights - trees in front will be lit.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Evangelism & Nurture Committee request that a lighted Advent Wreath be hung on the church in conjunction with the Festival of Lights. Carried.

retreat committee recommends that we not use the Beacon Motor Inn again in 1989.

PRESBYTERY OF ECUMENICAL CONCERNS - Dorathy Andrew reported.

Sessionworks - (Nov. 14) was a success.

Two Nominees for Moderator of General Assembly in 1988 will be here in 1988

Save the dates - February 9th & 10th for Ken Hall

March 18 - 19 and 20th for James Spaulding

Crop Walk raised \$24.00 from our church - walkers (3).

OTHER: A Pot-Luck supper will be held at O'Connells on Wednesday November 18th at 6 pm Guest of honor will be Dr. Faud Bahnan

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm with prayer led by Reverend Dudley. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Dashineau-  
Clerk of Session

SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Look, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, Gleason, Hodgins, Wilson Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

ABSENT: Mrs. Bianca, MESSRS: Crowell, DeFazio, Proctor.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Worship was led by Peggy Patch. Minutes of the November 16, 1987 meeting was approved.

REPORTS:

1. DEACONS Jane Spillenaar reported.

- a. Shut-In Sunday will be May 15.
- b. Love Offering February 14.
- c. New Moderator - Barb Custers
- d. Compliments and a thanks to Jane from Dougand all the Deacons for her work this year.

2. TRUSTEES

- a. The 1988 Investment Committee will include Loren Skinner and Burt Anderson.
- b. The 1988 officers of the Board of Trustees are Ken Ranchil, President, Peter Dooley Vice President, Paul Devitt Secy, George Petts as Chairman of Maintanance.
- c. Treasurer's Report-Ralph Kullmann . We were \$2,100.00 short - cash verses expenses. Money borrowed from pre pay pledges. No transfers from Memorial Fund expected for Dec. Treasuey will be empty on Jan 1, 1988. as of 12/21/87 Memorial Fund has \$7659.00. Moved and seconded to accept printed report and comments. Carried.

3. CLERKS REPORT - Carol Dashineau

- a. Communion Count - December 6 183 people took communion.
- b. Roll Changes: Moved and seconded to ransfer Tammpy Primerano to Riverside Presbyterian Church. Carried. Moved and seconded to delete from the Rolls due to death Ethel Dixon, November 20, 1987 and Geroge McNaught (November 17, 1987 G 10.0302 (b) 8 Carried.
- c. Moved and seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Eleeda Malcolm as Editor of the First Pres. Carried.
- d. Moved and seconded to accept with deep regret and many thanks, the resignation of Ralph Kullmann as Co-Treasurer. Carried with 1 NAY. Note: Clerk will send notes of thanks and acceptance to each person.
- e. Moved and seconded to suggest to Presbytery Nominating Committee the name of Dorothy Andrew for them to nominate to Presbytery as an Elder Commissioner to Synod June 21st-24th, 1988 at Clarkson University, Potsdam,N.Y. Carried.

4. SPECIAL MATTERS:

- a. Stewardship Report and Financial Picture 1988 - So far 1988 pledges number 141 for \$73,070.00. Other Stewardship results would indicate expected amounts:  
Line 410 - \$1200. , Line 420 - \$11,362. , Line 430 - \$250. , Line 440-\$3,000. ,  
Line 450 \$2,500., Line 460 - \$50,000., Line 470 - \$6,060., TOTAL \$147,442 net.  
Budget total was \$186,000.00 Difference is \$38,993. Projected income to Memorial Fund from Buidling & Budget Fund \$10,965.00 Other possible sources \$7,000.00 from Organ Fund and \$7,500 from Memorial Fund. More work to be done.



b. Congregation Committee on Staffing: Goal is completion of report for January 1988 Session meeting.

c. Operating Capital - Jan. 1, 1988.

Moved and seconded that Memorial Fund money be used to underwrite the 1988 budget with these specifications:

1. All but \$1,000.00 of current 12/21/87 balance of the Memorial Fund.
2. All line 304 balance after organ is paid
3. All 1988

- b. Congregation Committee on Staffing: Goal is completion of report for Jan. 88 Session meeting.
- c. Operating Capital - Jan 1, 1988.  
Moved and seconded that Memorial fund money be used to underwrite the 1988 budget with these specifications:
  - 1. all but \$1,000.00 of current 12/21/87 balance of the Memorial Fund
  - 2. All line 304 balance after organ is paid
  - 3. all 1988 Building and Budget money. Total of 1,2, and 3 estimated to be \$2,400/Carried.
- d. Policy pages 302,303,304A, and 320. Action tabled.

Order of the Day - Doug Dudley

- 5. Associate Pastor - Doug Dudley
  - a. 3 Home Communion, 7 served.
- 6. Pastor - Dale O'Connell
  - a. Construction around church has begun.  
Construction in office is well underway.
  - b. 1988 Special Events - as of 12/21/87
    - February 9-10-Ken Hall nominated for Moderator of General Assembly
    - February 19 - Spring Koinonia for men
    - March 19-20 Jim Spalding nominated for Moderator of General Assembly
    - March-April - spring Koinonia Women
    - April 15 - Kairos
    - May 15 - Shut-in Sunday
    - May 27 - International Students in Niagara Falls
    - June 6-15 - Roger attends General Assembly
    - June 11-12 Grand Prix - City Niahara Falls
    - June 21-24 Synod - Dorathy May attend
    - July VBS
    - August 1-7 Billy Graham Crusade
    - Oct-Nov - Fall Koinonia Fall Karios
    - Oct- PUMA
    - Nov-Dec Festival of Lights - City of NF
    - OTHERS - Discipleship Training
    - Social Lights Program
    - Special Sunday - Organ Dedication
  - c. Dale is taking vacation January 6-12.
  - d. Moved and seconded that if our church's local Billy Graham Crusade Committee feels the need for fund raising they be allowed to raise the money. Carried.
  - e. Clairfications of 1988 Budget and Salaries - A lengthy discussion followed relating to the problems surfacing about the budget presentation at November Meeting and the congregations understandings. It was decided to continue our disussion at a Special Session Meeting to be held Sunday December 27, 1987 at 1:15 a.m.

All other business on the adjenda was tabled.

A vote of thanks to those members of Session whose terms are finished - for their faithful service.

Moved and seconded to adjourned the meeting with the sining of a Christmas Carol at 11:10 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau  
Clerk of Session



SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - Sunday December 27, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Bianca, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Rader, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, Proctor, Wilson, Reverend Dudley  
Reverend O'Connell

ABSENT: Mrs. Look, MESSRS: Crowell, DeFazio, Hodgins, Gleason

Meeting called to order at 11:20 a.m. with prayer.

Purpose of special meeting is to continue the discussion begun at regular Session meeting December 21, 1989 regarding the actions taken at the November Annual Meeting, and how we can communicate to the congregation the actions are legitimate and therefore stand as acted upon. Discussion revolved around the need to communicate to and enlighten the congregation, to eliminate confusion, heal discontent and eliminate uncertainty.

Many suggestions have been discussed. Decision: The consensus of the members present is that the Pastor will address the congregation during the worship service on January 17, giving an appraisal of the Session actions, current situation, address questions asked, let the congregation know what steps have been taken to date and provide ministry and build fellowship.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-  
Clerk of Session

MINUTES - SESSION MEETING - JANUARY 118, 1989

On January 3, 1988 168 people

PRESENT: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Tompkins

MESSRS: Jack Cowan, Dom DeFazio, Ed D'Anna, Marty Hodgins, Fred Proctor, Ed VanValkinburgh, Paul Wilson, Reverend Dudley, Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Mrs. Naccarato, MESSRS: Bellemore, Crowell, Gibson

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Reverend O'Connell who welcomed new members and read from Mission Yearbook of Prayer. Worship was led by Reverend O'Connell.

Minutes of December 21, 1989 Session meeting and Special Session Meeting Dec. 27, 1989 were approved.

REPORTS:A. Trustees - Paul Devitt reported

1. Office renovation will be done soon and looks good.
2. NA Group doing well and growing have formed a satellite group.
3. Edith Mitchell resigned due to ill health  
Several vacancies remain on the Trustees

B. Treasurers Report - Jim Patch reported.

1. review of format for new members
2. payment on '87 pledges was very good
3. questions asked on Memorial Fund money for clarity a synopsis of history was given by Reverend O'Connell and Mr. Patch.
  1. In 1981 the Session voted to use the Memorial Fund money to underwrite the salary of the second pastor if at time it become necessary.
  2. The Building and Budget fund of 1987-89 will be used to repay money borrowed for organ and church repairs and also to help balance budgets of 1987 and 1988.
4. Moved and seconded to receive the Treasurers Report as read. Carried.
5. Moved and seconded to appoint James Patch as the Treasurer. Carried.

C. Clerk Report

1. Communion count January 3, 1987 - 168

D. Associate Pastor

1. Home communions - 2 with 4 served
2. CMI going well.

II. SPECIAL MATTERSA. Congregational Committee on Staffing for the Future

1. Co-Chairman-Burt Anderson and Jack Cowan reported - Synopsis follows and report is attached to minutes
2. Committee determined their responsibility was to the congregation and task was to determine need and economic ability to support two pastors.
3. Mr. Anderson read thru the report with Session and explained each step taken:
  - a. looked at pastoral needs
  - b. looked at economic situation in depth
  - c. looked at other churches of similar circumstances - a survey used.
  - d. looked at current Pastoral Staff and responsibilities of each - a questionnaire to Doug and Dale
  - e. looked at issues NIT personalities



f. Will circulate to congregation Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 prior to Feb. 14 Special Annual Meeting.

4. Session commended the committee and the tremendous effort put forth.
5. Report is final to congregation - Session can comment and respond
6. Suggested Session responsibility now to determine why declining membership and how to reverse and why decreasing dollars and how to reverse. Moved and seconded to support the recommendations of the Congregational Committee on Pastoral Staffing commendable report to the congregation. Carried. with 3 nay votes.

COMMENTS 1. commends Doug for his work

2. excellent report - report feel fills the responsibility of the committee
3. what are the implications of the report
4. Session should respond- how we will deal with implications.
5. It will take at least one year for Session and/or committees to study and react to all the implications.

ORDER OF THE DAY - Doug spoke on the year's theme - God Is Love - we closed with Dorothy leading us in two hymns.

#### B. Stewardship Report

1. Session is responsible to balance the 1988 budget and report at the Feb. 14 Special Annual Meeting

2. For Information - At the Dec. 21, 1987 Session meeting, it was approved to use all but \$1,000.00 of line 315 (\$4459) and line 304 balance (organ Fund) which is (\$6456.00).

3. Using proposed budget the receipts section was filled in as

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| 300 |        |
| 400 | 77,287 |
| 410 | 1,200  |
| 420 | 10,218 |
| 430 | 250    |
| 440 | 3,000  |
| 450 | 2,5000 |
| 460 | 50,000 |
| 470 | -6,060 |

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150,515

24,080

174,595- anticipated actual

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186,434-proposed

Ahort 11,840

#### C. Personnel Committee - Carol Dashineau reported

1. The Personnel Committee recommends to Session the elimination of the position of Custodian/Mechanic active Feb 1, 1988. It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation. Defeated.

It was moved and seconded to terminate the services of Guido Baracra due to ill health. Carried.

(Intent of above motion-not to eliminate the budget line but to not fill the position at this time thus saving the line for future use if needed and money is available)

Return to Stewardship and Budget discussion proposed budget is :186,435.00

\$186,435.00

116,471.00=Personnel less Cust. Mech.

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69,964.00

Many suggestions offered and discussed at length including possible fund raisers a residual at year end. Moved and seconded, that in order to balance the 1988 budget, a 5% reduction to property line and 12% except Personnel, to each budget category total.  
Carried.

D. Special Annual Meeting

1. Only items able to be discussed are those listed in the Policy Book and any special items listed in the Call.
2. Special items for 2/14/87
  - a. Nominating Committee Report which recommends the number of Session members of the Class of 1991 be reduced to four and that subsequent classes be four in number
  - b. Report from from Congregational Committee on Pastoral Staffing.

Due to late hour, it was moved and seconded to continue the meeting Sunday Jan. 24, 1988 at 11:15 prompt. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:20 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

ADJOURNED SESSION MEETING - January 24, 1988

PRESENT: Mrs. Anderson, MRs. Andrew, MRs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Sylvester, MRs. Tompkins  
MESSRS: Bellemore, Cown, Crowell, DeFazio, Hodgins, Proctor, Wilson  
Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Reverend Dudley, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Naccarato, Mr. D'Anna, Mr. VanValkinburgh

Meeting was opened with prayer at 11:00 a.m. by Reverend O'Connell

OLD BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Chairman no indicated

Adult Education - Peggy Patch, Ed VanVankinburgh  
Youth Education - Paul Wilson, Sue Sylvester  
Evangelism and Nurture, Dom DeFazio, Bill Gibson  
Membership - Jack Cowan, Ed D'Anna  
Mission - Neil Bellemore, Ellen Anderson

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns - Dorathy Andrew, Roger Crowell  
Worship - Fred Proctor, Peggy Tompkins  
Stewardship - Martin Hodgins, Darlene Naccarato  
Clerk of Session - Carol Dashineau  
Nominations - Martin Hodgins, Roger Crowell  
Personnel - Carol Dashineau, Blanche Belin

B. Evangelism and Nurture - Dom DeFazio reported  
It was moved and seconded that the Evangelism and Nurture committee be allowed to raise their goal of \$500.00 for the Greater Niagara Bill Graham Crusade and that it be placed into a special church fund and then transferred to the Crusade. Carried.

C. Personnel Committee:

Moved and seconded to table to the February meeting, discussion and action on the



motion to move the Pastor's medical deductible reserve budget lines to a 300 account line. Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Operation Andrew - Blanche Belin reported for the Billy Graham Crusade Team. She asked that we all be thinking of someone to bring to the Crusade and encourage members to use the Operation Andrew booklet personally and to distribute it at our committee meetings.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau

#### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - February 10th, 1988

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, Crowell, D'Anna, DeFazio, Gibson, Hodgins, Proctor, VanValkinburgh, Wilson, Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

**EXCUSED:** Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Naccarato

Meeting opened at 7:35 pm with prayer led by Reverend O'Connell

Guests - Dr. Eunice Poethig, Executive Presbytery, Mrs. Phyllis McMillan, Committee on Ministry and Dr. Charles Stratton - Minister from Youngstown Presbyterian Church

Dale Spoke to the purpose of the meeting giving some background - to share concerns with Session which have been shared with Dale, to move questions to responsible conclusions.

Concerns expressed to Dale - expressions of frustration as goals and expectations not accomplished and desire to have a church as it once was. "Group" which met has "deep concern for the church" and do not want factions or divisions in the church. Timelines of this meeting - moment is right to pool all energies - a unique moment - many people are concerned about something:

Purpose of Meeting - hear concerns, find a way to move ahead.

Moved and seconded to permit Dr. Charles Stratton, First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown to moderate meeting. Carried.

Consensus of Session - approve the suggested agenda for remainder of meeting: Worship, Comments, Identify Concerns (Speakers) Dismissal of Speakers and break, Comments by Session. Our responsibility will be to listen, hear, receive, question - not to debate.

Session will answer concerns in appropriate manner and time.

Guests from Congregational Group - John Runals, Jean McLaren, Fred Feldhousen, and Marty Hodgins, Russell Look

Worship was led by Dr. Poethig. (Romans 12:18)

Group Concerns - Spokesman John Runals -  
Introduction included a detail outline of their meetings and expressed their desire to "preserve the church".

#### CONCERNS

1. Spirituality in church
2. Financial
3. Leadership - Boards and Pastors

Spirituality in Church - not getting up lifting not being fed spiritually in sermons  
sermons  
sermons not substantial service

Other "group" nothing specific  
lacking a "warmth of fellowship" and Christian love -  
music a problem

Financial - decline in membership  
decline in finances  
situation not improving - money or numbers  
movement of funds from one account to another won't work  
no increase in pledges  
not see any steps being taken to rectify problems

Leadership Pastor has dominated Boards - not a partnership arrangement  
Leadership of church has defaulted to Dale  
Session permitted Pastor to take over in certain situations  
Board members recently retired would not serve again:  
activities not appreciated  
Committees - drudgery  
input not recognized or turned aside

other "group" need to "share" leadership not one person doing it all comments

#### Constructional Conclusions

- a. too much time spent on financial matters and with committees dealing with finances
- b. lay people in leadership - witnessing - was an inspiration
- c. Music - not a growing church if using same book as five years ago
- d. Mission Statement of church - to be growing evangelical church feeling of inter-denominational fellowship - NOT HAPPENING
- e. Every church should have feelings of being alive everyday
- f. Provide avenues to Christians for Christian action - Pastor should provide link and inspiration
- g. Spiritual dryness
- h. Should be "unique" to survive in 80's and 90's

#### SESSION RESPONSES:

- a. Agreed - 5 year goals not being met - note 5 year not 2 year goals
- b. Some surprise at groups presentation
- c. Many comments of support for Dale
- d. Comments we the Session should listen carefully to the comments
- e. Lethargy - serving on committees  
Session meetings too long  
need more "leaders on committees"
- f. Select several "problems" - focus on them - prioritize the "problems"



- g. Time change style of leadership and persons behind us and het on with Dale and his style - he is our choice
- h. Problem - pact of dissatisfaction is with strong leader - things are not now run the way they want
- i. Need a chariman of volunteers - to get committee members etc.
- j. Held to clarify, Prioritize and Focus on the problems expressed

Dr. Poethig

- a. Two years not long enough to equip people to relate to changes in leadership style
- b. Anxiety in old leadership
- c. Recognize two major problems
  - Difficult location - impact of local situation all Niagara Falls Churches losing members and realistically we will not see a strong surge in membership for several years.
- d. not a crisis - trust self and trust each other give time, get outside expertise if necessary.

Notes of Moderator - Dr. Charles Stratton

NOT DIVIDE

HELP PASTOR

Admit a problem  
 Spirituality of church - decline in members  
 Financial- pledges down  
 Leadership of Church - Boards and Pastors -Share leadership  
 Decline of membership, attendance, finances  
 No spiritual uplift in programs  
 Not being "fed by Sermons  
 Not satisfied with what they are seeing  
 Upset with transfer of funds to cover deficits  
 Pastor dominated Boards and Boards permitted it  
 People off boards would not serve again  
 Music a problem  
 Way Session committees are run  
 Committees have few members - except Evangelism & Nurture

Solutions:

Pastor has more specifics  
 Acts 6:2  
 Pastor into word not finances  
 Lay leader in worship  
 New hymnbooks  
 Become growing evangelical fellowship interdomination  
 Pastor provide avenues of Christian action need to be competitive in city - be unique

Motion made to adjourn at 10:35 pm moved, seconded -- Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineay-Clerk of session

SESSION MEETING - February 15, 1988

On February 1, 1988 168 people took communion

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, MRs. Sylvester, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Crowell, D'Anna, DeFazio, Gibson, Hodgins, Proctor, VanValkinburgh, Wilson, Reverend Dudley and Reverend O'Connell

ABSENT: Jack Cowan

EXCUSED: Neil Bellemore, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Naccarato

Guests: Roy & Carol\* Kristin Rogers, Arlene Fulston, Carl and Liz Slenk

Meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. with Reverend O'Connell reading from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

Worship was led by Blanche Belin

New Members were welcomed. The Session introduced themselves as did the New Members.

It was moved and seconded to accept the following people as new members of the church. Carried.

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rogers (Carol) and daughter Kristin from Youngstown Presbyterian Church

Arlene Fulston from St. James Methodist

RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Slenk(Liz)

They will be formally recognized on Sunday Feb. 21st during the worship service.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim Patch reported that there were no benevolence expenditures in January due to the absence of any large bills, the cash on hand was sufficient to cover the bulk, but barely.

That Session be reminded of the importance of urging continued giving.

In 1987 \$5,000 more than expected was received. Also the Session should be advised that the 1988 budget is not really balanced; - We just transferred funds.

It was moved and seconded to receive the Treasurers Report. Carried.

To clarify and implement the action of 12/21/87. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$6,659.00 from line 315 and \$6,456.00 from line 304. Carried.

DEACONS Beverly Feldhousen reported

That the "Love Offering" - 2/14/88 was a tremendous success; that they are caring for a new Shut-ins: Phyllis McNaught, and that May 15, 1988 will be Shut-in Sunday. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Carried.

CLERKS REPORT was presented by Carol Dashineau

mMoved and seconded to delete from the rolls Ina Jaquish due to death on February 4, 1988 - G10.0302 (b)8 Carried.



Communion count on February 1, 1988 was 168

Moved and seconded to accept the minutes of Jan. 18th and Jan. 24th, 1988. Carried

Minutes of February 10, 1988 Special Meeting will be approved after typing and distribution.

In order to make clear the instention of Session at its meeting December 21, 1988 it was moved and seconded to affirm Session's actions December 21, 1987 relative to the budget, Item 4C, and state specifically that the Session meant that the amounts from the Memorial Fund and balance of line 304 be used up and not be replaced. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to form a sub-committee of five members to assist the session in coming to an understanding about the Memorial Fund to review monies in Fund after 12/21/87, to review letters sent and other information available to bring an understanding of how the Building and Budget Funds come into and pass through that account. This committee to report back to the Session. Carried.

The Sub-committee will be two (2) Elders: one (1) Trustee, one (1) Deacon and the Treasurer. The Elders and Peggy Patch and Edward VanValkinburgh and the Treasurer is James Patch.

#### SPECIAL MEETING February 10, 1988

Discussion on a few specific points.

Moved and seconded to end Session Meetings at 10:00 p.m. starting with March 1988 meeting. Motion defeated.

Comment by Moderator: The intent of the motion has been heard by all.

Moved and seconded to postpone discussion till next month of the February 10, 1988. Special Meeting at which time typed minutes will be available. Carried.

GRAND PRIX June 11-12 1988. Dale O'Connell reported on the information received to date.

Major points: The Sunday Schedule The sponsors are eager to cooperate and will not interfere with church program. They will "flex" to our schedule but have suggested we be through by 11:00 a.m. for two reasons - 1) lots of people downtown and 2) traffic confestion

We need to decide by mid-March on our Sunday schedule.

Parkings - No street parking except for the bus. Unloading will be possible. Rainbow Ramp closed. The sponsors will assist at shuttles, use of Hilton ramp or separate area outside track.

Credentials will be needed to be area Sat. and /or Sun.

Informational inserts will be available 4-6 weeks prior to June 12

Cooperation has been promised on any fund-raising or other ventures we sponsor. This may include national television coverage if we have lots of people activity such as food booths, other organizations booth, witnessing oportunitites, youth dance, etc.

Session suggested open Meetings Feb. 21-28 during Dialogue and Fellowship Hour to discuss oportunities, share information and gather ideas.

At the March 21 Session Meeting Session will discussed and finalize the scheduling and the activities.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

ASH WEDNESDAY Service will again be at our church Feb. 17, 1988

Bill Gibson was appointed to the Membership Committee. Committee Chairman were encouraged to build up their respective committees.

Newsletter- David McMahon has volunteered to help organize new staff. A suggestion was made to find a work group of approximately five people - to build a team around Dave. The concensus of the session was to support the suggestion.

Pulpit Supplies: March 30th, Jim Spaulding candidate for General Assembly Moderator April 17, Elwin Culter, Director of the Greater Buffalo Billy Graham Crusade.

Moved and seconded to approve these Pulpit supplies. Carried.

1988 Revised Budgets will be made available

March 16th - 3rd Anniversary of Terry Anderson's capitivity as a hostage in Lebanon.

#### One Great Hour of Sharing

Moved and seconded to continue supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing. Carried

Personal Ovbservation - Moderator - Session did not support the recommendation of the congregational committee on Staffing during the Special Annual Meeting after we gave our supportto the report at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau  
Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 1989

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineay, Mrs. Tompkins,  
MESSRS: Bellemore, Crowell, DeFazio, Gibson, Hodgins, Proctor, Wilson  
Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

ABSENT: MESSRS: Cowan, VanValkinburgh

EXCUSED: Mrs. Naccarato, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Sylvester and Ed A'Anna

Meeting called order at 7:35 p.m. with the Mission Yearbook of Prayer by Reverend O'Connell - Worship led by Ellen Anderson

Minutes of the Special Meeting February 10, 1988 were approved.

Minutes of the February 15, 1988 were approved as writtne.



## REPORTS

Treasurer: The report was discussed and it was moved and seconded to accept the report. Carried.

NOTE: It was suggested that the pages be numbered

Deacons: Moira Proctor reported

1. Money donated to "Love Offering" has been designated for postage for the Tape Ministry.
2. Working on a list of Shut-ins able to attend Shut-In Sunday May 15, 1988. List of volunteer drivers from the Session was secured. Moved and seconded to receive the Deacons Report. Carried.

Trustees: Russell Look reported. Discussed the Trustees concerns regarding insurance, service time on the Grand Prix Sunday. Moved and Seconded to receive the Trustees report. Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Communion count on March 6, 1988 was 160.
2. Moved and seconded to baptize the following children:

Andrew Salig-Raham 6/15/85

John Salig-Raham 9/5/87

Sons of David and Irene Salig-Raham

Carl Eugene Lincoln 1/22/86

Doris Jean Lincoln 8/24/84

Heather Nicole Piche 5/18/87

Children of Sherry Lincoln and Allen Piche'

Carried.

Moved and seconded to restore to active membership from inactive Allen Piche' Carried.

Associate Pastor:

Moved and seconded to approve vacation from April 11-20, 1988. Carried.

Pastor:

Moved and seconded to approve vacation from April 4-10, 1988. Carried.

Major Items:

- A. Billy Graham Crusade: Ellen Anderson reported
1. Need Session leadership in areas of counseling, prayer triplets, raising money.
  2. Launch and Lunch-April 17
- Moved and seconded to support the balloon launch Sunday April 17 and the entire Sunday program. Carried.
3. Next Crusade Meeting - April 6
  4. Important Event - April 12 - Training for Rally leaders. Crusade people will be in attendance.

## B. Grand Prix

1. Service Time - After discussion and careful consideration it was moved and seconded to hold Sunday Service June 12 at 9:00 a.m. with no Dialogue and Fellowship Hour and no Sunday School. Carried unanimously.
2. Parking - After discussion it was decided to form a team to negotiate with the Grand Prix officials regarding parking and all related questions. Team to include Fred Proctor, Dale O'Connell, one Trustee, Cliff Geist or 1 usher.  
It was moved and seconded to empower the Parking Team to be a commission of the Session and negotiate a parking agreement. Carried.
3. Evangelism & Nurture - Dom DeFazio reported that the committee will be responsible for coordinating two events and Gerry Greene will handle publicity.
  - a. Evening service Thursday June 9 with a Christian athlete. Refreshments will be served and an offering taken to help defray expenses. Moved and seconded to approve the Evening service. Carried.
  - b. Koinonia Sing-A-Long Sunday June 12 Bruce Andrew will coordinate times etc. in order not conflict with other events.  
Moved and seconded to approve the Koinonia Sing-A-Long. Carried.
4. Outside-Groups
  - a. International Students from Buffalo have asked for a booth
  - b. Drunk Driver Program - (Niagara County) Dick Novelli would like to participate - other such group possibilities MADD, SADD
  - c. Alcoholism groups - Dennis Gleason will participate
  - d. Music - N.F.H.S. Jazz Band would like to participate - possibly pipers.  
Moved and seconded to approve the participation of the above groups when a coordinator is found. Carried.
5. Social Lights - Fred Proctor reported. This group will serve food for two days and will be responsible for necessary permits.
6. youth with the absence of Sue Sylvester, the plans for the youth were tabled.
7. Visual Identification - front of church - tabled to April meeting
8. Overnight - some Trustees feel the building should be protected overnight.

ORDER OF THE DAY WAS GIVEN BY DORATHY ANDREW on the Theme God is Love

## III. Miscellaneous Items:

- A. Moved and seconded to approve the Newsletter team of David McMahon, Dorathy Andrew and Lis Slenk.
- B. Moved and seconded to approve use of the Sanctuary on September 18, 1988 at 8:00 a.m. for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. Carried. Church contact is Peter Dooley.
- C. Moved and seconded to permit use of the church on Saturday June 18, 9 am to 12 noon to the Intrnational Students Inc. for a Billy Graham Crusade Traning Workshop. Carried.
- D. Notification to Session by Moderator that draft copy of Refromed Statement of Faith has been received for our study and comment. Return date is July 1, '88.
- E. Presbytery Questionnaire has been distributed to each Session member on Pastor Evaluations. Each member will study and comment in preparation to meet the Presbytery Committee this spring.

## IV Committees:

- A. Evangelism & Nurture - Dom DeFazio reported
  1. Kairos Weekend - April 14-17 at Collins facility. Needed are cookies by April 10
  2. Praise Service, May 1, 1988, 7:30 pm. The Looks are coordinators.



### B. Mission Committee

Moved and seconded to endorse the South-End Coordinating Committees. Drop-In Center as a Presbytery Mission project with a donation of \$100.00 Carried.

C. Youth Education - Paul Wilson reported. The committee and Sunday School Teachers are studying the two new proposed Presbyterian curriculum.

The Session will meet Wednesday March 30th at 7 pm to discuss the February 10th Special Meeting and how to proceed in securing a new co-treasurer.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau  
Clerk of Session

### SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MARCH 30, 1988

PRESENT: Mrs. Anderson, MRs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Tompkins  
MESSRS: Crowell, D'Anna, DeFazio, Gibson, Hodgins, Wilson-Reverend  
O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Naccarato, Patch, Sylvester, MESSRS: Cowan, VanValkinburgh

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with prayer and verses from 1 Peter 5 led by the Moderator, Dale O'Connell

### RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 10, 1988 SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

It was decided to discuss only the issues which belong to the Session.

A. General discussion took place - key points raised included:

1. Reiterated some of points made on Feb. 10th such as need to emphasize Holy Spirit in Sermons and Prayer, find out why members are absent, have more "upbeat" music and make sure a warm feeling of fellowship exists.
2. Question raised - how to inspire those in congregation that are "turned off"? Answer-we must pray!
3. Suggestion to invite Committee on Ministry to services.
4. Action to be taken: Session members meet between 9:15 and 9:55 for prayer. Sundays mornings in the Fireside Room-the power of group prayer was noted.
5. Comment made - people should come to Church to hear God's Word not the personality presenting the Word.
6. Music:
  - a. collection of hold hymns is available to copy for the red hymnals.
  - b. question - what do we want in Music? - - a new hymnal is not necessarily the answer.
  - c. while Deryck is Director of Music, the style will not change.
  - d. diversity of membership-non-Presbyterian backgrounds - brings different expectations in music- would be very difficult to please everyone especially in area of music
  - e. suggested the children sing more often
  - f. some of the changes have occurred because of denominational (Reunion) changes.
  - g. suggested people be reminded to listen to the words.
  - h. It was moved and seconded to recommend that the Worship Committee form a committee to work on updating the Red Hymnal and report the Committee's membership at the April Session meeting. Carried.

7. Purpose of Worship Service - convey to Adult Education Committee the need to educate the congregation on the purpose of Worship - eg. - the Offertory is a time to offer one's self to Lord as well as financial giving.

#### Financial

A. Move the membership questions from financial

B. Comments

1. New members not as large givers as older ones.
2. We need to NOT worry about the building but rather about spreading the Word of Jesus.

#### MEMBERSHIP

A. Need a Youth Pastor

B. Question arose concerning paraeel job descriptions between Pastor and Associate Pastor

1. Personnel will review in spring.
2. It was decided to not change anything last year due to unusual circumstances

C. Moved and seconded to have Session, in cooperation with Personnel, put a priority on seeking and acquiring training for the Associate Pastor in the area of Youth Leadership Carried.

Areas of financial and leadership concerns are tabled till the next Special Meeting on April 27th, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session

#### SESSION MEETING MINUTES - April 18, 1989

PRESENT: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Belin, Mrs. Dashineau, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Bellemore, Cowan, Crowell, D'Anna, Gibson, VanValkinburgh, Wilson, Reverend O'Connell

EXCUSED: Mrs. Naccarato, Sylvester, MESSRS: DeFazio, Proctor, Hodgins, Reverend Dudley

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Moderator with readings from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

The opening prayer was given by Neil Bellemore

#### REPORTS

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of regular March meeting. Carried.

Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.



DEACONS - Kate Myers reported

1. Easter flowers were distributed to Shut-Ins friends
2. Shut-In Sunday - May 15 - 6 shut-ins planning on attending as of now
3. Committee assignments - Evangelism & Nurture - Norma Kullmann  
Stewardship - Beverly Feldhausen  
Worship Bonnie Hodgins
4. Moved and seconded to accept the Deacons report. Carried,

Trustees - Ralph Kullmann reported.

1. Outside walls - pointing necessary - Sout Wall done before new construction closed it in. Others will be done in "in season". Cost is approx. \$4,000 from line 304A
2. Marine Midland Bank eliminated free checking April 1, however, credits for Trust Funds at Marine will off set most of monthly charge.
3. Manse - a committee has been created to do a long range study of the manse - in depth study to determine feasibility of keeping manse and to look at all other options.  
This is an internal study so we are prepared for the future.
4. Moved and seconded to accept the Trustees report. Carried.

Clerks Report - Carol Dashineau reported

1. Communion Count April 3, 1988  
March 1988 - 160  
April 1987 198
2. Moved and seconded to delete Mae Nicol due to death, March 27, 1988 G10.0302(b)8 and send a letter to the family expressing sympathy and appreciation for her many years of service at First Presbyterian Church. Carried.
3. Moved and seconded to transfer Joanna Stevenson to First Presbyterian Church Baton Rouge LA. Carried.

#### MAJOR ITEMS

- A. Letter from Elder Peggy Patch - open discussion held. Actions taken:
  1. Moved and seconded to eliminate Deacons and Trustees verbal reports unless unusual needs are to be brought to our attention or a motion for action is required but written reports will continue. Carried.
  2. Moved and seconded that the written Treasurer's Report will continue to be given on a monthly basis and the Treasurer will attend in person quarterly. Carried.
  3. Question concerning establishment of a Session concerning establishment of a Session Financial Committee has been tabled to Special Session Meeting April 27, 1988
  4. Moved and seconded to start the Business portion of the Session meetings at 7:45 p.m. promptly. Carried.
  5. Mr. Wilson speaking for the Session, commended Mrs. Patch for a constructive list of suggestions.

Grand Prix - All plans are on hold pending more information regarding insurance.

COM Triennial Visit - according to New Book of Order, there will be a visit by the Committee on Ministry to each of the Churches in the Presbytery once every three years. The purpose of the visit is to provide linkage between the churches and Presbytery - for sharing, understanding and celebration.

1. It was moved and seconded to invite Sandy Harwood and Mary Lee Lane of the COM for the Triennial visit on May 1, 1987 and to invite the Deacons and Trustees to join Session members in greeting the representatives and to join in discussion during the Dialogue and Fellowship Hour. Carried.

Billy Graham Crusade

1. The Moderator expressed concern that since the previously expressed concerns of some people is that the church is not growing that this is an excellent opportunity to encourage church growth through The Prayer ripples and Christian Life and Witness classes. He encourage Session members to help.
2. Ellen Anderson reported
  - a. Youth Quake coming soon to our area and the youth should be encouraged to attend. Transportation help is needed.
  - b. The Crusade Choir will number 3,5000 and seven of our choir members are participating.
  - c. Launch and Lunc - Sunday April 17th was a great success - the spirit was tremendous - and thanks to our local chuech committee.

ORDER OF THE DAY was given by Roger Crowell on Spiritual Leadership and the responsibilities of discipleship.

COMMITTEESEvangelism & Nurture

1. May 1 - Prayer and Praise service, 7:30 p.m.
2. Fall Koinonia Weekends - Men - Sept. 23-25  
Women Oct. 21-

Personnel - Carol Dashineau reported

1. It was moved and seconded to move budget lines 708 & 717 (Supplemental Medical) up to 4% of total effective salary to a new 300 line and let the May Treasurers Report reflect that change. Carried.
2. It was moved and seconded that lines 708 & 717 of the budget should now read Supplemental Medical moved to line 300 (whatever specific 300 number assigned by the Treasruer). Carried.

Presbytery & Ecumenical Concerns - Dorathy Andrew reported

1. Saturday April 23 - the Niagara Presbytery of Ontario and the Presbytery of Western New York will meet to explore similarities and differences and share fellowships - Bus trip and lunch included in the \$10.00 fee.

Youth Paul Wilson reported

1. Family Nighr and YMCA - April 24 5L00 - 8:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nor'Eastern-Synod newspaper available to all Session members for our information

Presbytery Homes representatives of this group to come - suggested Dale arrange for May 18th or 25th at 7:30 p.m. Subject will be the evaluation form.

Draft Statement of Faith - for our individual study and comment. Dale has response form by July 1st.

May 3,4,5, - 1988 Hyde Park Church - Dr. James Walther (retired from Pittsburgh Theological seminary) will present a Study on Revelations based on Reformed Theology.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Dashineau-Clerk of Session



SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - April 28, 1988

PRESENT: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Tompkins, MESSRS: Crowell, D'Anna, Gibson, Hodgins, Wilson  
Reverend O'Connell and Reverend Dudley

EXCUSED: Mrs. Anderson, Belin, Dashineau, Patch, Naccarato, Sylvester, MESSRS:  
Bellemore, Cowan, DeFazio, Proctor, VanValkinburgh

Meeting called to order with prayer at 7:45 p.m. by Reverend Dale O'Connell

Purpose of Meeting:

1. To talk about the remaining topics from the February 10th meeting.
2. The possibilities of Reverend Dudley getting more involved in Youth Education and taking classes in this field.

Discussion

1. Taled about the financial needs of our church.
2. Talked about the committee working on the By-Laws of the Memorial Fund - the description for givers.
3. Reverend O'Connell asked to leave by Bill Gibson-Reverend Dudley asked to be Moderator. Discussed financial concerns of the group.
4. Reverend O'Connell, upon returning, was informed of the concerns discussed by the acting Moderator.
5. Discussed the matter of Stewardship in the church, our plans and went over the original list of concerns for the group.
6. Discussed money matters such as Pastor spending money from Special Gift Funds allowed to Pastors - monies used for books which are church property NOT the Pastors.
7. Manse allowance discussed - 30% salary pension rates and increased income allowance to Pastors which had already been approved by Session members.

It was moved and seconded that the list originally given to the Session on February 10, 1988 and allover minutes of the committee be given to the Personnel Committee and let the Personnel Committee do their job and report back to the Session in their next evaluation period. Carried.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting closed with prayer at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Hodgins-Acting Secretary

REPORT TO SESSION - Meeting May 21, 1988  
at East Aurora Presbyterian Church

Purpose of Meeting: To talk to another church which has experienced some internal conflict to see if we could gain a perspective in understanding are own problems and looking for a solution.

Finding: The one surprising find was that the Session appoint a committee of active elders (maybe 3) as a Committee on Polity. Their purpose would be to find ways to educate the Session concering the Book of Order.